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ANNIHILATION DAY.



VERBAL LOG, NOVA CORPS
OPERATIVE: 11249-44396/RICHARD RIDER--
LAST SURVIVOR OF THE NOVA CORPS.

THE MASSIVE INVADING
ENEMY PUNCHED THROUGH
THE "CRUNCH."

THE CRUNCH IS THE
BOUNDARY OF OUR
UNIVERSE.

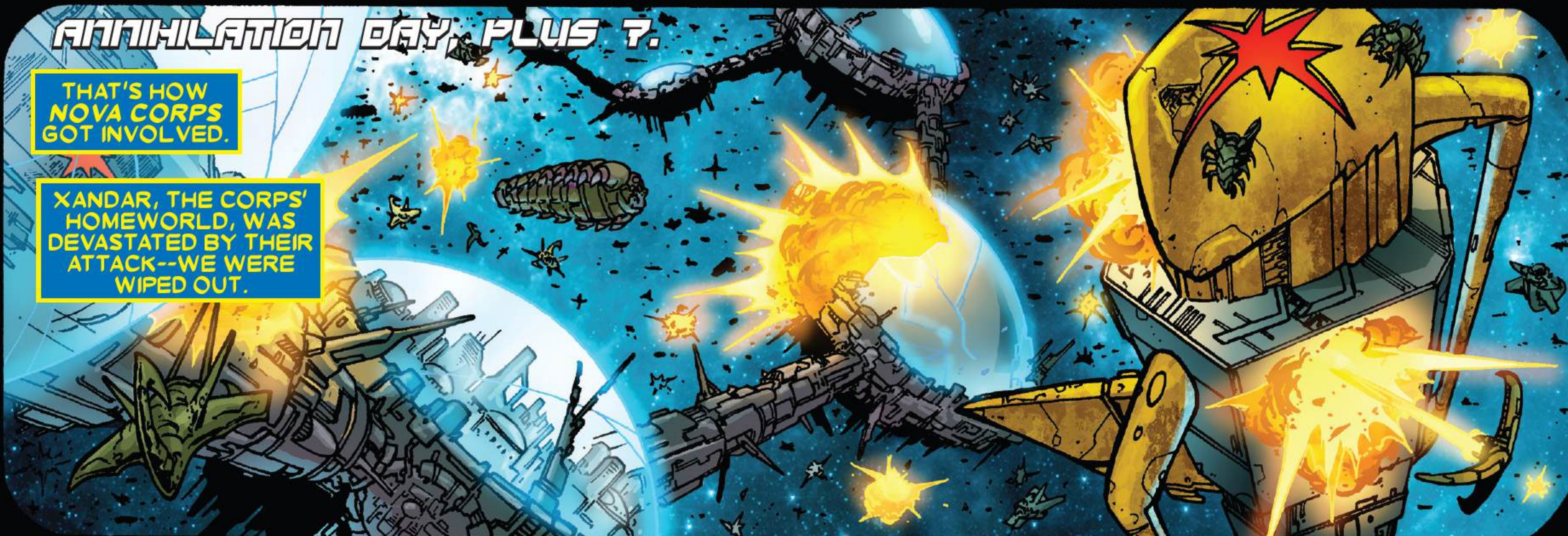
THAT MEANS THEY
CAME FROM **BEYOND**
OUR UNIVERSE.



ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 7.

THAT'S HOW
NOVA CORPS
GOT INVOLVED.

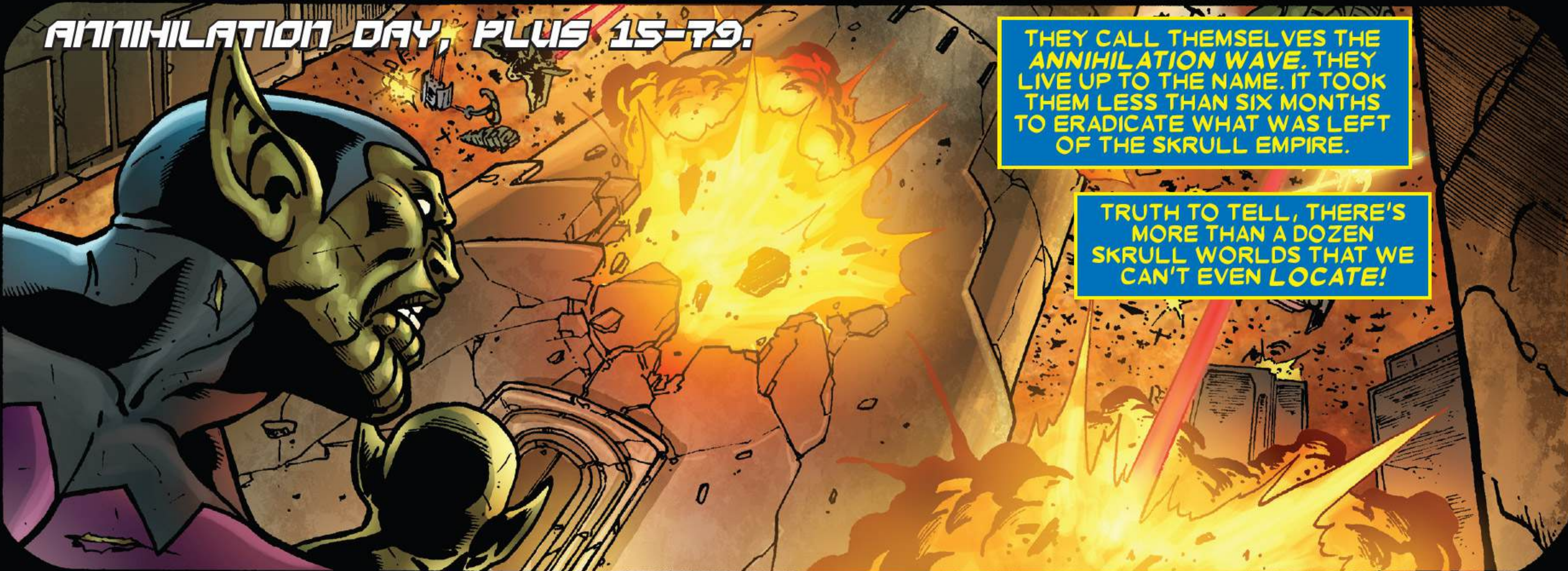
XANDAR, THE CORPS'
HOMEWORLD, WAS
DEVASTATED BY THEIR
ATTACK--WE WERE
WIPE OUT.



ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 15-79.

THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE
ANNIHILATION WAVE. THEY
LIVE UP TO THE NAME. IT TOOK
THEM LESS THAN SIX MONTHS
TO ERADICATE WHAT WAS LEFT
OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

TRUTH TO TELL, THERE'S
MORE THAN A DOZEN
SKRULL WORLDS THAT WE
CAN'T EVEN LOCATE!



ANNIHILATION WAVE...
ANNIHILUS. NOT
EVERYONE MADE THE
CONNECTION. GO FIGURE.

FROM WHAT
WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
PIECE TOGETHER, OUR
UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING
INTO THE UNIVERSE
ANNIHILUS RULES
--CALLED THE
NEGATIVE ZONE.

ANNIHILUS IS
TAKING BACK
WHAT HE
CONSIDERS HIS.



DAEDALUS 5: ON THE KREE-SYSTEM PERIPHERY.

UNITED FRONT COMMAND CENTER.
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: RICHARD RIDER.
A.K.A. NOVA

THE WAVE IS PUSHING IN HARD.
BUT WE'RE FINALLY GETTING
ORGANIZED ENOUGH TO FIGHT.

WE'RE HOLDING OFF THE WAVE.
NOT AS IMPRESSIVE AS WE'RE
BEATING THEM BUT I'LL TAKE
WHAT I CAN GET.

I'M NOT BEING FAIR. AFTER SIX
MONTHS OF BARELY SLOWING
THEM DOWN, HOLDING
THEM BACK COUNTS FOR A LOT.

YOU
ABOUT READY
TO START PAYING
ATTENTION NOW,
RICHIE?

IF WE DON'T
HOLD THEM HERE,
IT'S OVER.

AND BY "WE" I'M TALKING
ANYONE OR ANYTHING
STILL ABLE TO HOLD A
WEAPON.

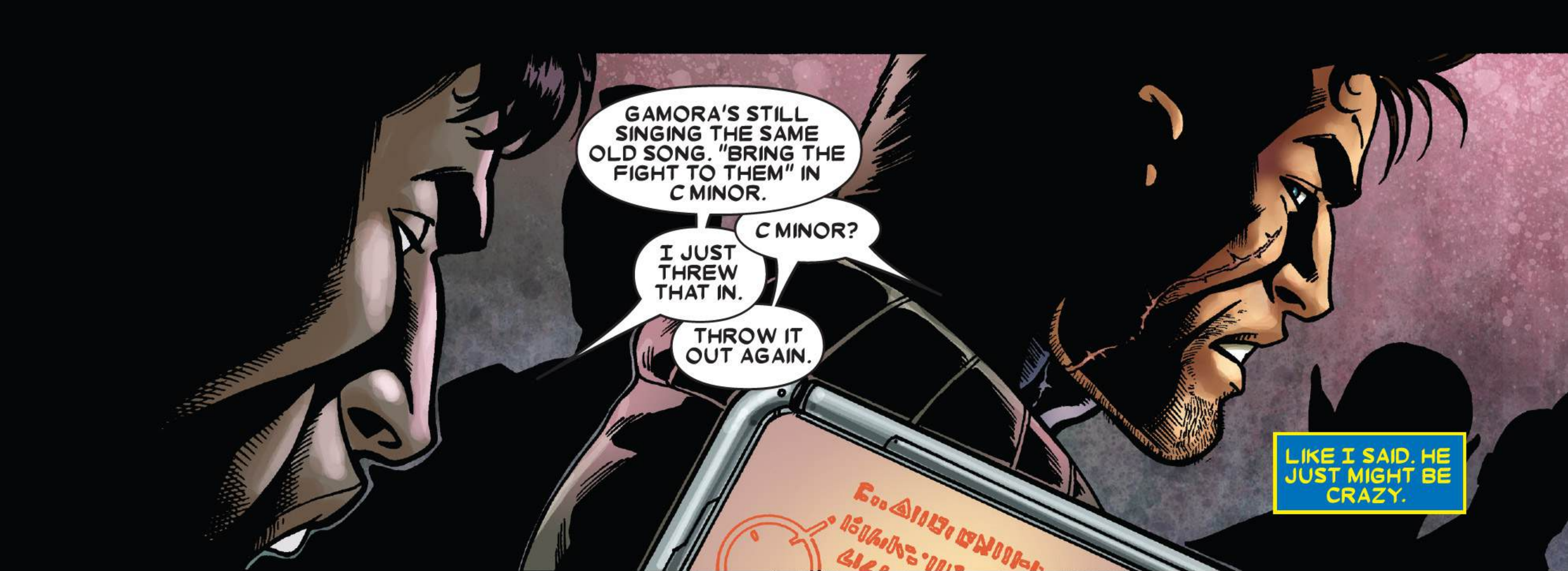
GLOOM AND THUNDER



MR. SUNSHINE'S MY NUMBER TWO, GOES BY THE NAME PETER QUILL. USED TO BE CALLED STARLORD. QUILL SIGNED ON RIGHT AFTER THE TARTUS MINOR DEBACLE.



THEN AGAIN, HE COULD BE CRAZY. LORD KNOWS, CRAZY'S EASY TO COME BY OUT HERE.



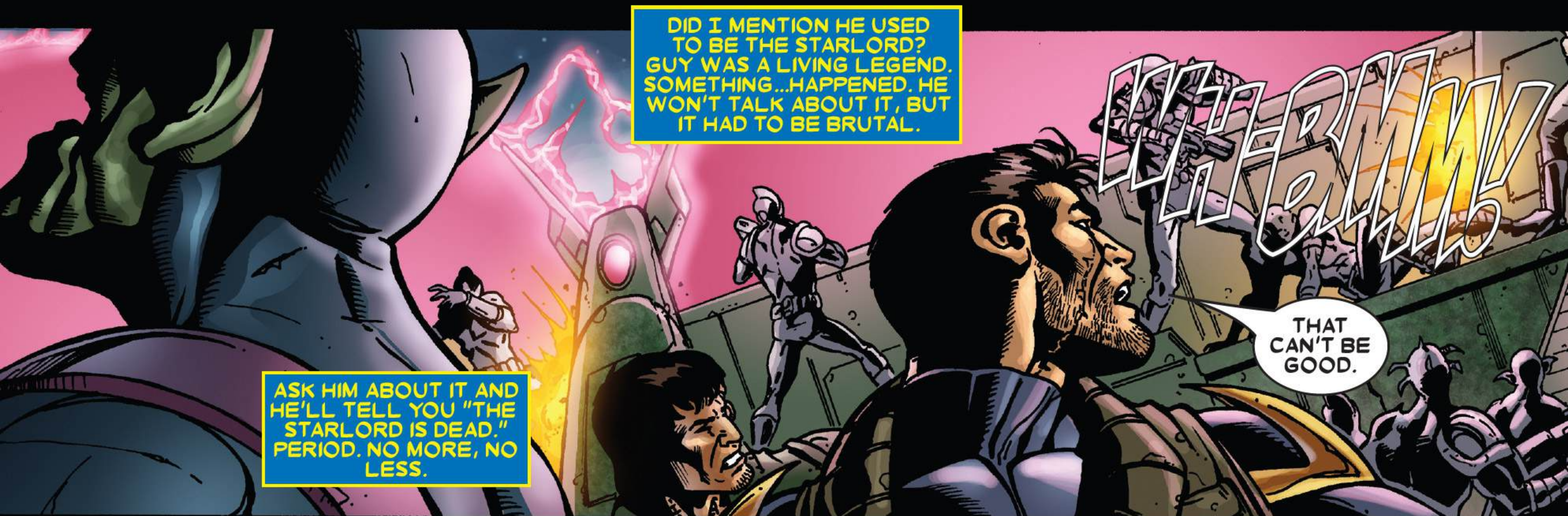
GAMORA'S STILL SINGING THE SAME OLD SONG. "BRING THE FIGHT TO THEM" IN C MINOR.

I JUST THREW THAT IN.

THROW IT OUT AGAIN.

C MINOR?

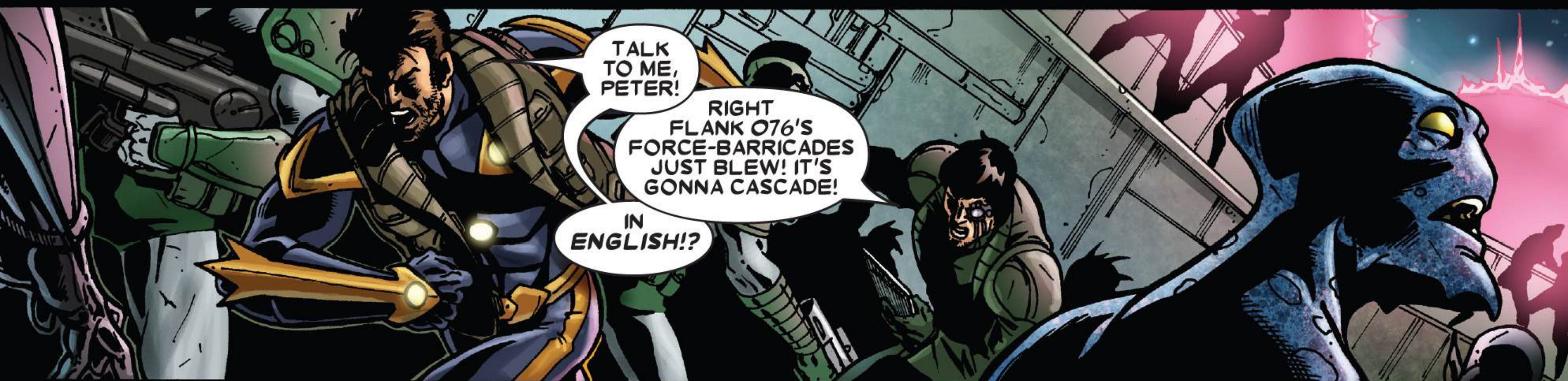
LIKE I SAID. HE JUST MIGHT BE CRAZY.



DID I MENTION HE USED TO BE THE STARLORD? GUY WAS A LIVING LEGEND. SOMETHING...HAPPENED. HE WON'T TALK ABOUT IT, BUT IT HAD TO BE BRUTAL.

ASK HIM ABOUT IT AND HE'LL TELL YOU "THE STARLORD IS DEAD." PERIOD. NO MORE, NO LESS.

THAT CAN'T BE GOOD.



TALK TO ME, PETER!

RIGHT FLANK O76'S FORCE-BARRICADES JUST BLEW! IT'S GONNA CASCADE!

IN ENGLISH!?



THE FORCE FIELDS ARE GONNA BLOW!



WHO'S ON RIGHT FLANK?

DOES IT MATTER!?

THE RIGHT FLANK. 076.
2ND AND 3RD KREE BATTALIONS.
FIELD COMMANDER: LAR-KA.

HELL YEAH.
IT ALWAYS
MATTERS.

WE'RE
BREACHED!

LINE OF
FIRE!

STAND
YOUR
GROUND!

CONTROLLED
BURSTS! MAKE
THEM COUNT!

KREE COMMAND PROTOCOLS, AS
WE'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THEM,
HAVE BROKEN DOWN. IT'S LIKE
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO WAGE
WAR, AND THE KREE LIVE FOR WAR.

...TOO
MANY!

STAND YOUR
GROUND!

THEY'RE
EVERYWHERE!
ARGH!

HOLD
POSITIONS!

SINCE THE HOUSE OF FIYERO
SEIZED CONTROL OF HALA,
THEY JUST THROW WARM
BODIES AT THE WAVE.

KREE CASUALTIES
HAVE BEEN...
STAGGERING.

FALL BACK!
FORM A SECONDARY
PERIMETER! ALTERNATE
COVERING FIRE!

MOVE YOUR
BEDRAGGLED
SHANKS!

WE LUCKED OUT
THIS TIME. RONAN
WAS ON-SITE.

HE USED TO GO BY RONAN THE ACCUSER--JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER. ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR ALL YOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS.

WOULD YOU SEE THEM DEAD, COMMANDER?! FALL BACK! THIS FRONT IS LOST!

THAT WAS THEN. NOW HE'S A FUGITIVE FROM THE SAME KREE JUSTICE HE USED TO ENFORCE.

RONAN THE ACCUSED! YOU CARRY NO AUTHORITY HERE!

OUR ALLEGIANCE IS TO HOUSE FIYERO--

COMMANDER...

HE WAS CHARGED WITH MASS MURDER. HE SAYS THEY WERE TRUMPED UP. THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY...BUT RONAN, HIM I BELIEVE.

I DON'T THINK HE'S CAPABLE OF LYING.

...YOU'RE RELIEVED OF DUTY.

SPARKS

YOU CAN TELL THE RANK-AND-FILE KREE DON'T BUY THE CHARGES EITHER.

HE TALKS, THEY LISTEN.

FALL BACK! ENGAGE AND WITHDRAW! REMEMBER YOU ARE KREE!

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE ASSUMED COMMAND AND I DON'T CARE.

ALL I KNOW IS HE TOOK WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A BLOODBATH AND TURNED IT INTO AN ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL. HE BOUGHT US SOME DESPERATELY NEEDED TIME.

THE KREE POSITIONS WERE HIT HARDEST BUT BECAUSE OF RONAN, THEY SUFFERED THE FEWEST FATALITIES.

YEAH...RONAN'S A KEEPER.

WHUMP!

WHUMP!

FORCE FIELD GENERATORS ARE GIVING OUT! MOVE!



THAT WAS THE FIRST FORCE-FIELD GENERATOR. THE REST ARE GONNA DOMINO.

ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, BUT WE ARE OUT OF HERE!

WITHDRAW. PULL BACK TO SECONDARY PERIMETER. TELL EVERYONE, PETER!



THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE BEEN FORCED BACK AND IF YOU THINK IT'S FRUSTRATING FOR US, IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR THE WAVE.

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE BEFORE--

WHUMP!

NEVER MIND.

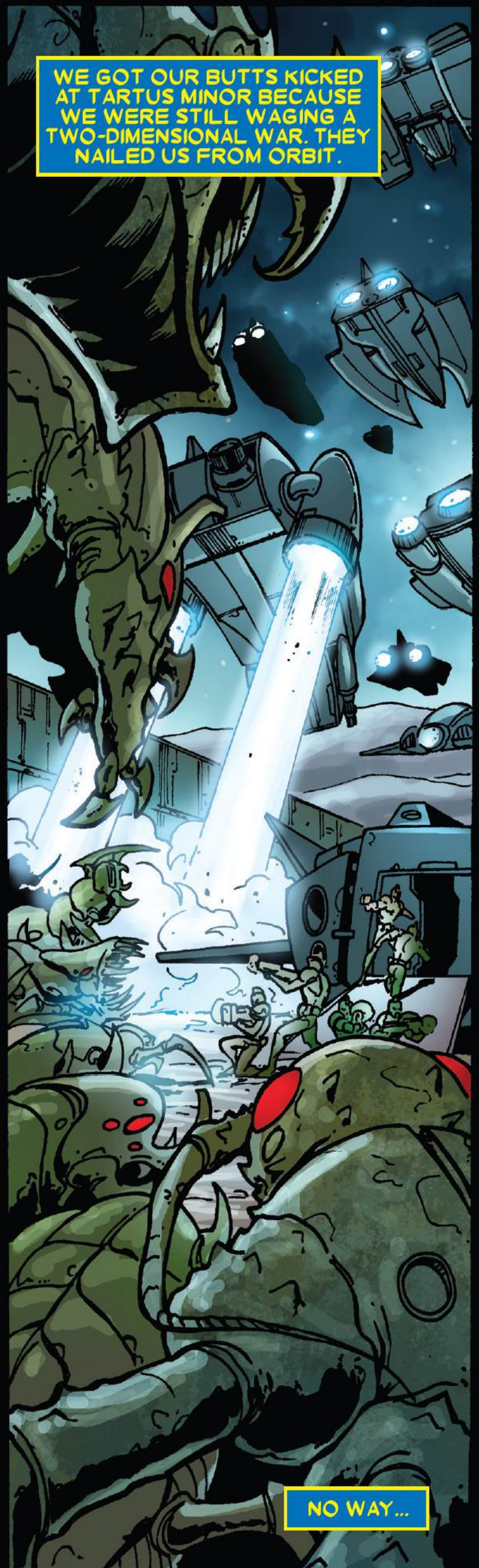


THEY'RE STILL FIGHTING THE SAME WAR THEY WERE FIGHTING SIX MONTHS AGO. WE'RE NOT.

EVERY CASUALTY WE'VE TAKEN HAS TAUGHT US THAT MUCH MORE.

WHUMP!

THEY'RE HITTING THE SHIPS! GET CLEAR!



WE GOT OUR BUTTS KICKED AT TARTUS MINOR BECAUSE WE WERE STILL WAGING A TWO-DIMENSIONAL WAR. THEY NAILED US FROM ORBIT.

NO WAY...

DAEDALUS 5. ORBIT PERIMETER.

...DO WE LET THAT
HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE'VE GOT THE FIRELORD,
RED SHIFT AND STARDUST TO
SEE TO THAT. EACH ONE A
FORMER HERALD OF GALACTUS.

INDIVIDUALLY, EACH PACKS
ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO
HOLD OFF AN ARMY.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT
ANNIHILUS HAS PRIORITIZED
THEIR CAPTURE, THAT
OTHER EX-HERALDS HAVE
ALREADY BEEN TAKEN.

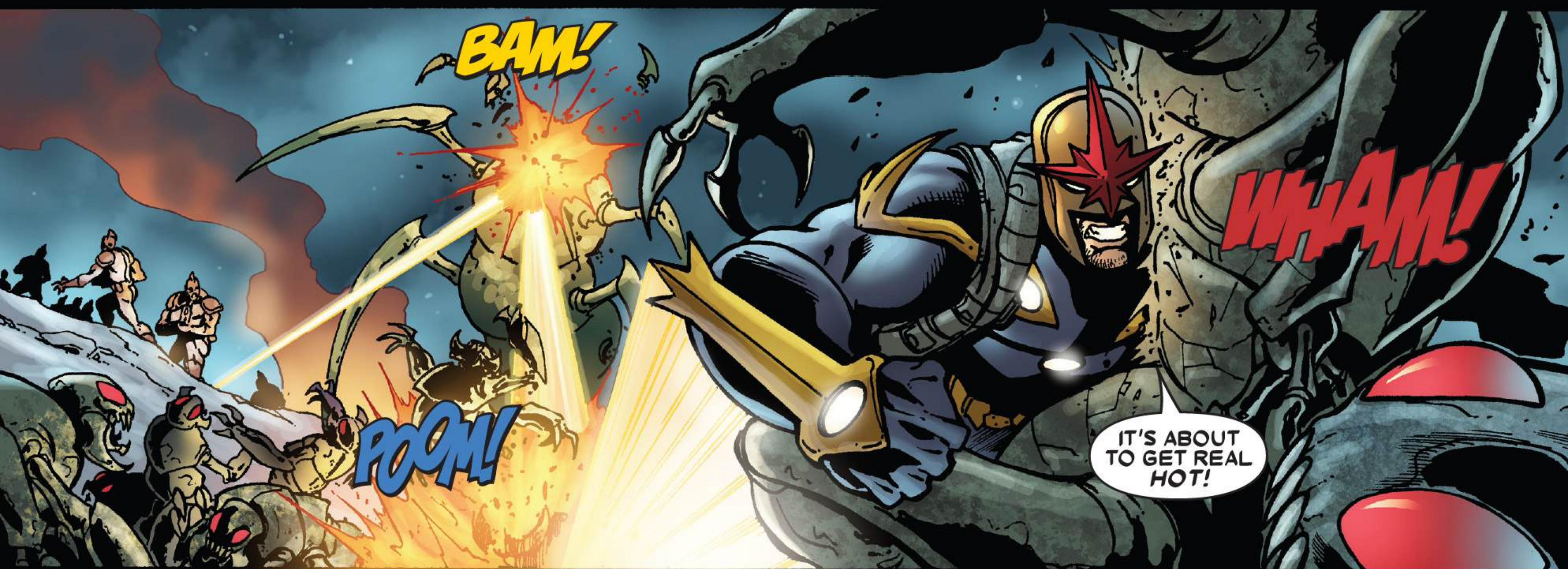
I'VE SEEN THE
FIREPOWER THE WAVE THROWS
AT THEM. MAKES ME THINK
"APPREHEND" MAY HAVE BEEN
UPGRADED TO "TERMINATE"--
JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.

THE EX-HERALDS HAD BEEN
WAGING THEIR OWN PRIVATE
WAR, HITTING THE WAVE WHEN
THEY COULD AND MAKING
THEMSELVES SCARCE WHEN
THINGS GOT OUT OF HAND.

THEY FOUND US BY FOLLOWING
THE SHOOTING, HOOKED UP WITH
US BECAUSE OF SOMETHING
PETER SAID TO THE FIRELORD.

THEY CAN'T COVER
THE ENTIRE PLANET
BUT THEY CAN KEEP
OUR AIRSPACE CLEAR.

THE COMMAND CENTER:





"YOU CAN'T LEAD FROM THE REAR." A HARD LESSON, HARD-TAUGHT BY A HARD TEACHER.

DRAX.

AND CAMMI. DRAX AND CAMMI. MUSTN'T FORGET THE GIRL. AS IF ANYONE COULD.

THOSE FIRST DAYS AFTER THE FALL OF XANDAR WERE UNBEARABLE. DRAX DIDN'T MAKE THEM ANY BETTER.



HEY!
KREE BOY!
WATCH THE
HANDS!

GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM "THE DESTROYER." HE DESTROYED RICHARD RIDER, THE BOY, TO MAKE ROOM FOR NOVA, THE MAN.





WHOOOM

TOOK
YOU LONG
ENOUGH.

YOU'RE
WELCOME.

ALL THE
FORCE FIELDS
ARE DOWN.

TELL ME
SOMETHING I
DON'T KNOW.

ANY OF OURS
STOP TO COVER
THE RETREAT, THEY
GET AN UGLY DEATH.
TOO MANY ARE
STOPPING.

OPTIONS?



YOU KNOW
DAS'T WELL WHAT
YOU'VE GOT TO
DO!

THE WAVE
IS CATCHING UP TO
THE WOUNDED! LOSE
HUNDREDS OR LOSE
THOUSANDS.

YOUR
CHOICE.

NO ONE LAYS A
HARD TRUTH ON
YOU LIKE DRAX.

LOSE
HUNDREDS OR
LOSE
THOUSANDS.



POINT
TAKEN.

!?!



NOT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE
WILL GET CLEAR, BUT IT'S
GOT TO BE DONE.

COMMAND
ALPHA PRIME TO
BARRAGE COMMAND,
DO YOU READ?

BARRAGE
COMMAND TO
ALPHA PRIME,
WE READ.

INITIATE
BLANKET-
BOMBARDMENT.
COMMAND PROTOCOL:
ONE ONE ALPHA/
RIDER.



ONE ONE
ALPHA / RIDER
CONFIRMED.
RANGE AND
DURATION?

FULL-SCOPE
HEAVY ORDNANCE
BARRAGE. HOME IN ON
MY POSTION AND
CLEAR THE ZONE.

SIR!?



YOU
HEARD
ME.

GOD SAVE
MY SOUL...

IF I'M LUCKY, DRAX
WILL COME LOOKING
FOR ME.

IF I'M REALLY
LUCKY, HE'LL
FIND ME ALIVE.

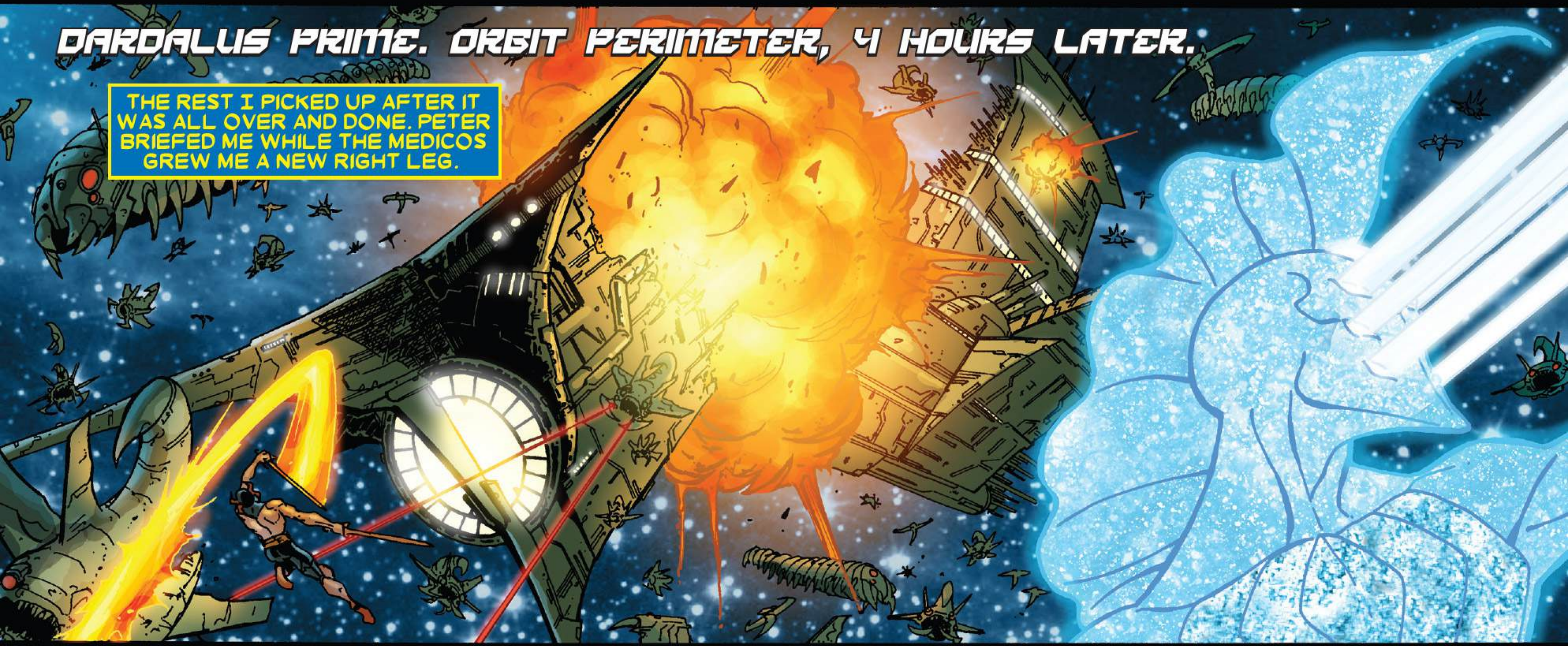
THEN ALL I HAVE TO
DO IS CONVINCE DRAX
NOT TO FINISH ME OFF
FOR CHUCKING HIM
AWAY DURING A BATTLE.

GOTTA
LOVE HIM.



DARDALUS PRIME. ORBIT PERIMETER, 4 HOURS LATER.

THE REST I PICKED UP AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER AND DONE. PETER BRIEFED ME WHILE THE MEDICOS GREW ME A NEW RIGHT LEG.



WHILE WE WERE RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES AND TRYING TO SHORE UP THE SECONDARY PERIMETER, FIRELORD ATTACKED THE FLAGSHIP.

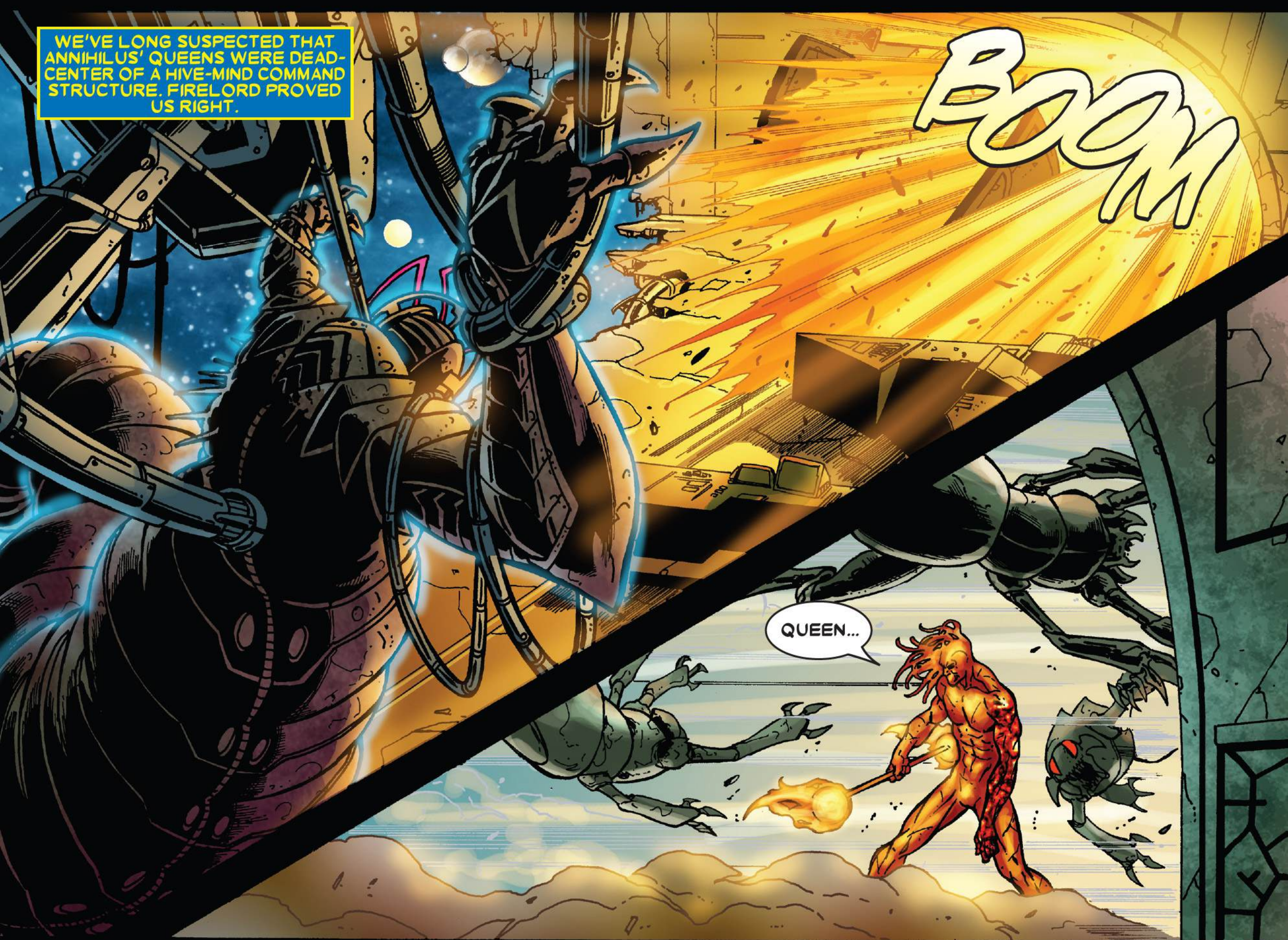
USED HIMSELF UP IN THE PROCESS. EXPENDED TOO MUCH POWER AND MADE HIMSELF VULNERABLE.



WE'VE LONG SUSPECTED THAT ANNIHILUS' QUEENS WERE DEAD-CENTER OF A HIVE-MIND COMMAND STRUCTURE. FIRELORD PROVED US RIGHT.

BOOM

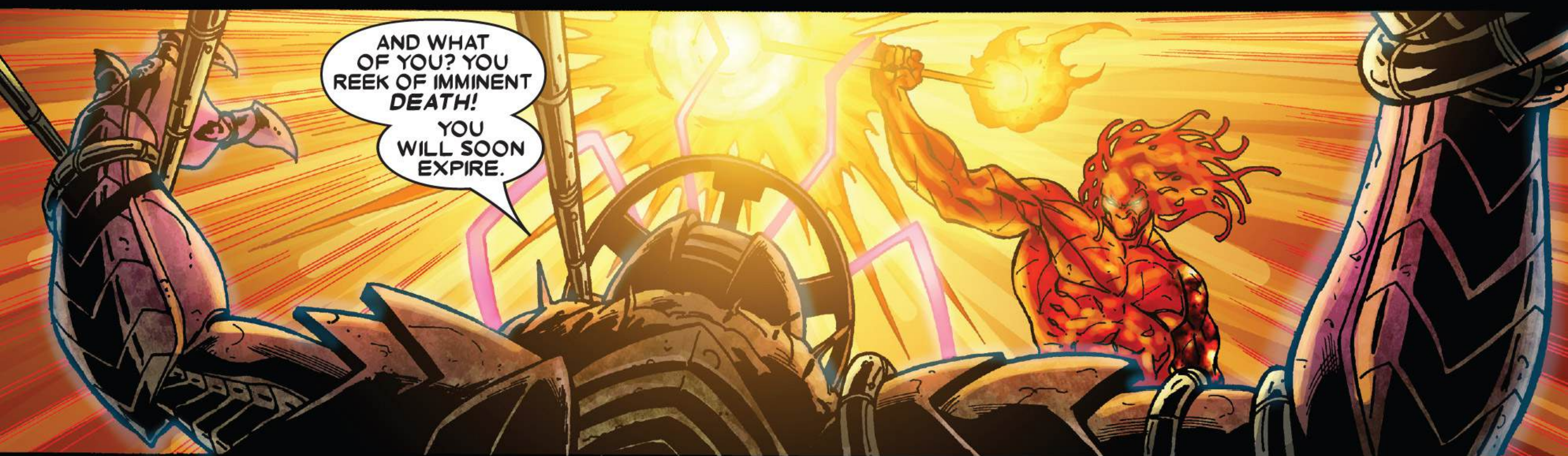
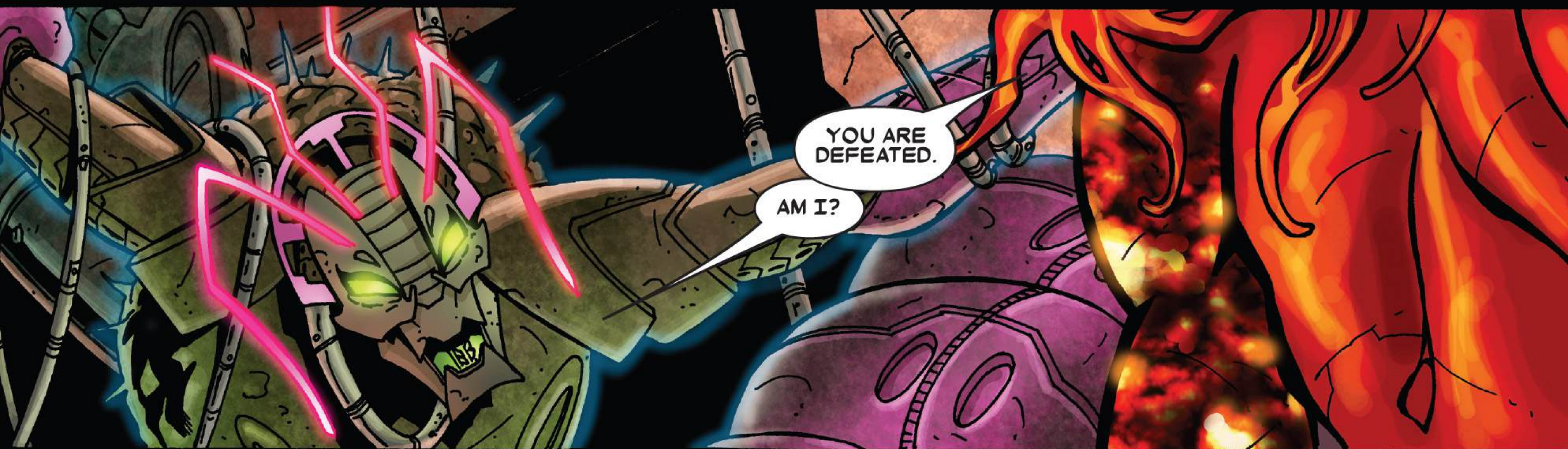
QUEEN...



I JUST WISH I COULD
HAVE BEEN THERE TO
SEE IT GO DOWN...

AH...THE
FIRELORD. I
AM EXTIRPIA,
MOST FAVORED
OF THE LORD
ANNILHILUS.

ORDER
YOUR FORCES TO
STAND DOWN.





ANNIHILUS FLAGSHIP.
RHANDA 9.
KREE SYSTEM.



INTOLERABLE!
EXTIRPIA FALLEN AT
THE HANDS OF HERALDS
I HAVE ORDERED
TERMINATED!

YOUR ORDERS
ARE TO APPREHEND,
NOT TERMINATE,
ANNIHILUS. THE FORMER
IS THE MORE
DIFFICULT.

A
LITANY OF
EXCUSES!



YOU...REQUESTED
THAT I DISCOVER
THE BIOLOGICAL
APPLICATION OF
COSMIC POWER.

I AGREED TO
BE OF SERVICE. YOU
AGREED TO ABIDE BY
MY METHODS. THE
RESOURCES I NEED
ARE NOW AT MY
DISPOSAL.

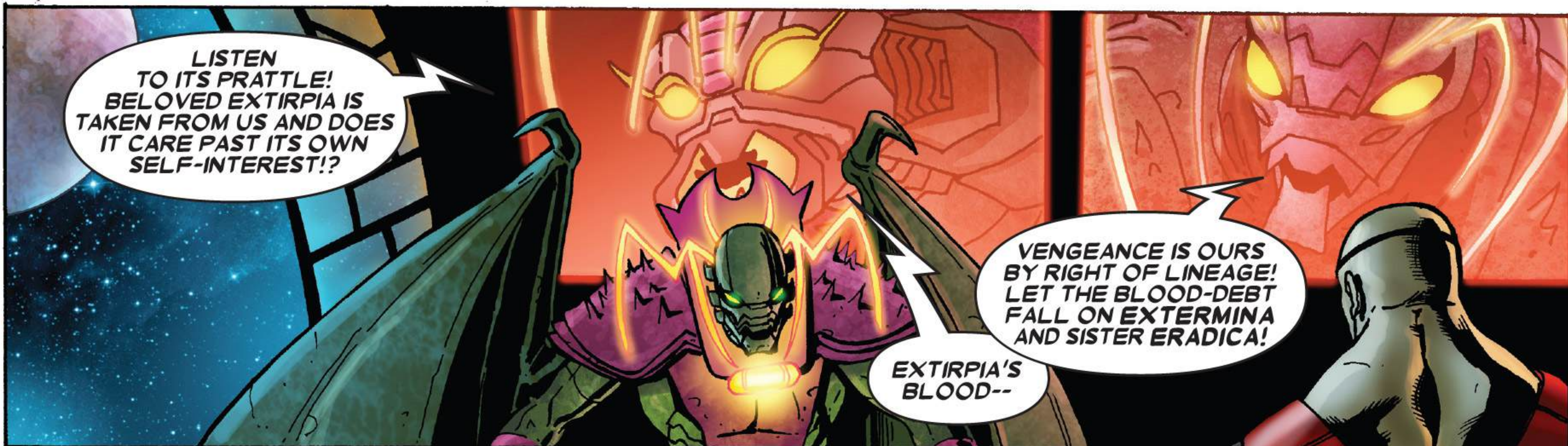
WE'VE JUST SEEN
THE POWER OF
DISTRACTION--NOVA'S
UNITED FRONT HAS NO
IDEA WHAT WE HAVE
ACQUIRED.



HOW
DISTRACTED
WOULD YOU
HAVE ME?

INTOLERABLE!
BE ABOUT IT THEN!
GO! GO!

AS YOU
WISH.





VERBAL LOG, NOVA CORPS
OPERATIVE: 11249-44396/
RICHARD RIDER. RESUMED.

I'M NOT ALL
THAT SURE HOW
IT HAPPENED.

GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT WAR
MAKES FOR STRANGE BED-
FELLOWS. NO PUN INTENDED.

MNH?

GO
BACK TO
SLEEP.

HOWEVER IT
HAPPENED, I'M
GLAD IT DID.

THAT AN
ORDER?

A
SUGGESTION.
YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN BIG ON
ORDERS,
GAMORA.

IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

I'VE BEEN
THINKING.

UH-OH.

YOU'VE
BEEN HANGING
AROUND WITH PETER
TOO MUCH. YOU'RE
DEVELOPING A SENSE
OF HUMOR.

BITE YOUR
TONGUE.

SHOULD
I BE
JEALOUS?

I'VE GOT
TO TALK TO
PETER.

NO. I
VALUE MY
LIFE.

I JUST
NEED TO TALK
TO ONE OF
MY OWN--A
TERRAN.

OH. WAKE
ME WHEN IT GETS
INTERESTING.



SHE'S DEFINITELY
SPENDING TOO MUCH
TIME WITH PETER.



LET ME SEE IF
I GOT THIS STRAIGHT.
YOU FINALLY GET A
FEW HOURS TO CALL
YOUR OWN AND YOU
LEAVE A LOOKER LIKE
GAMORA TO HANG
WITH ME?

ONE WORD.
PRIORITIES.

SHE'S
EXHAUSTED.
WE ALL
ARE.



SHE WOULDN'T
COME IN TILL THE
LAST STRAGGLER
WAS ACCOUNTED
FOR.

YOU ASK ME,
GAMORA'S TRYING
TOO HARD TO LIVE UP
TO HER "MOST
DANGEROUS WOMAN
IN THE GALAXY"
REP.

YOU ASK
ME, PETER QUILL
SHOULD BE LIVING
UP TO HIS
"STARLORD" REP.

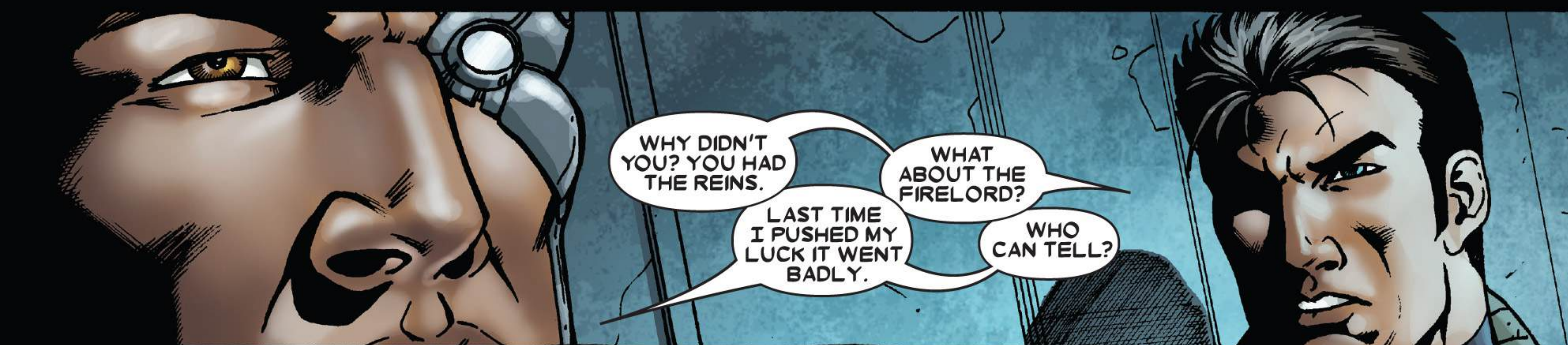
NOBODY
ASKED YOU.



DEPRESS
ME.

SIGH...WE
WHUPPED 'EM GOOD
THIS TIME AROUND. ONCE
THEY STARTED RUNNING
AROUND LIKE CHICKENS
WITH THEIR HEADS CUT
OFF, IT WAS OPEN
SEASON.

PART OF
ME STILL THINKS
WE SHOULD HAVE
PRESSED IT, DRIVEN
THEM BACK.

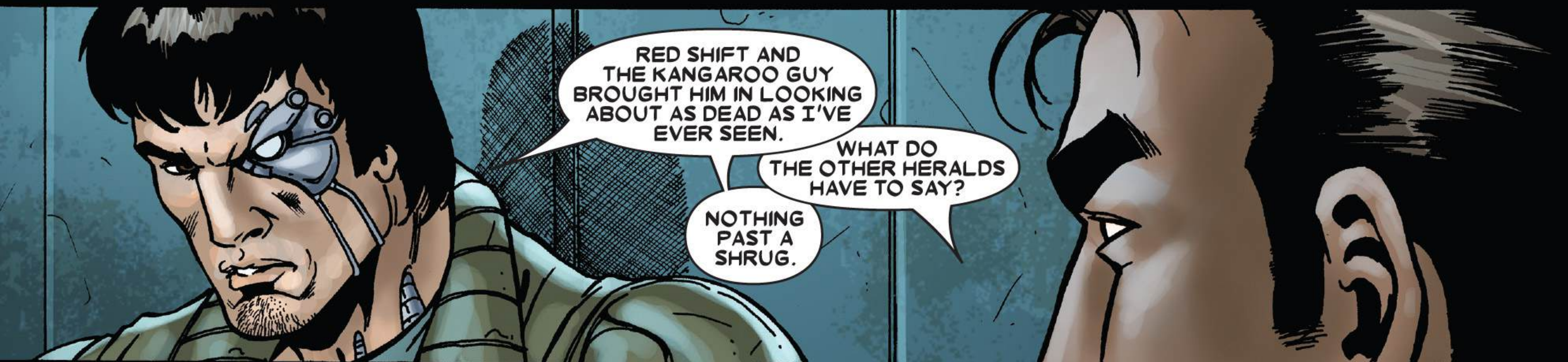


WHY DIDN'T
YOU? YOU HAD
THE REINS.

WHAT
ABOUT THE
FIRELORD?

LAST TIME
I PUSHED MY
LUCK IT WENT
BADLY.

WHO
CAN TELL?



RED SHIFT AND THE KANGAROO GUY BROUGHT HIM IN LOOKING ABOUT AS DEAD AS I'VE EVER SEEN.

WHAT DO THE OTHER HERALDS HAVE TO SAY?

NOTHING PAST A SHRUG.



AND WHAT OF OUR NEW GUEST?



FIGURED YOU WERE BUILDING UP TO THAT.



C'MON. THEY JUST GOT THE PSI-BAFFLES UP AND RUNNING SO SHE'S NOT GONNA BE GETTING INTO ANYONE'S HEAD UNLESS WE WANT HER TO.

YOU WOULD.

I WANT TO STOP IN ON FIRELORD, TOO.



OH, F.Y.I., THE SHI'AR ARE HOLDING TO A "WAIT AND SEE" STRATEGY, ALL THE WHILE DENYING THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING. HIGH-TONE SCRAGS, THE LOT.

THE BADOON?

HUNKERED DOWN. TRUST ME, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE DEALING WITH THE BADOON ON TOP OF ALL THIS.



ANYTHING ELSE?

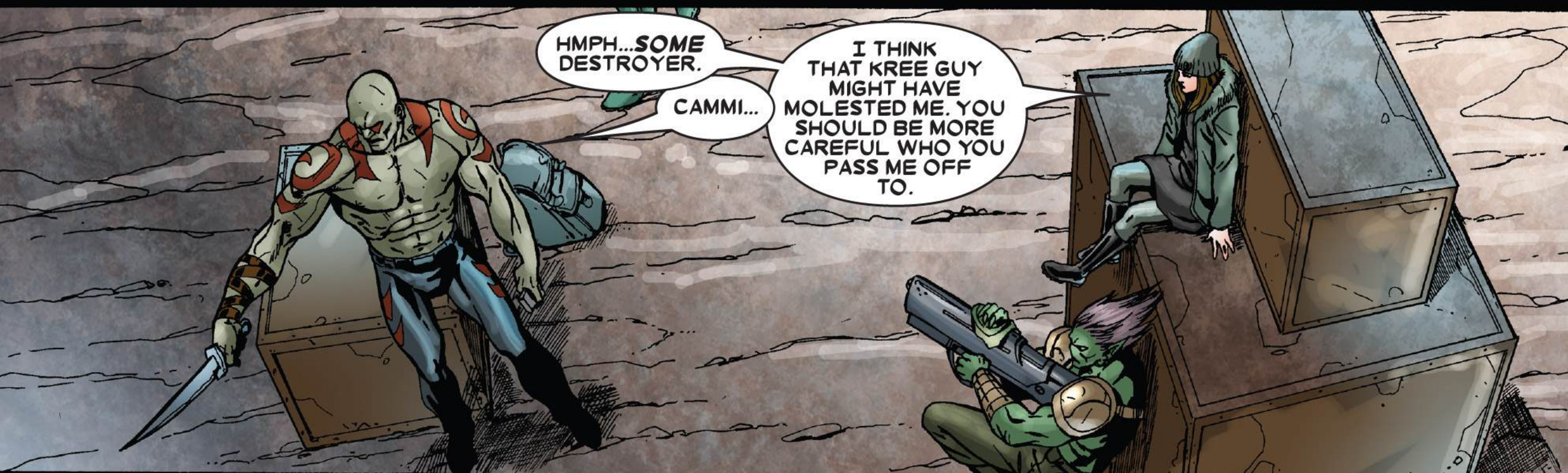
MY HEMORRHOIDS ARE ACTING UP.

STILL BUCKING FOR THAT COURT-MARTIAL...



"WE" HAVE
HAD OUR FILL OF
BATTLE TODAY.

SIGH...BO-RING.
YOU'RE DRAX THE
DESTROYER. SHOULDN'T
WE BE OUT THERE
DESTROYING
STUFF?



HMPH...**SOME**
DESTROYER.

CAMMI...

I THINK
THAT KREE GUY
MIGHT HAVE
MOLESTED ME. YOU
SHOULD BE MORE
CAREFUL WHO YOU
PASS ME OFF
TO.



NOTED.

BET IF
THAT THANOS
GUY WAS
HERE--

DON'T.



HUH...CAN'T
FOOL ME. THE
ONLY REASON
YOU'RE **FIGHTING**
THIS WAR IS TO
GET AT HIM.



CLEVER
GIRL...





...ISOLATE HIM UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY?

EXACTLY.



NONE OF THE MONITOR READINGS MAKE SENSE. TECHNICALLY HE'S BOTH DEAD AND ALIVE.

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

NO. I MEAN, NOT THAT WE KNOW OF.



WHATEVER GALACTUS DID TO HIM...IT'S WAY BEYOND ANYTHING WE'D RECOGNIZE. IT'S LIKE TRYING TO DECIPHER THE WORKINGS OF A GOD.

WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN.

NEVER THOUGHT ANY DIFFERENT.



ANY CHANGE IN HIS CONDITION, I WANT TO KNOW AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS.

YES, SIR.



YOU WANTED TO SEE.

WRONG. I HAD TO SEE.

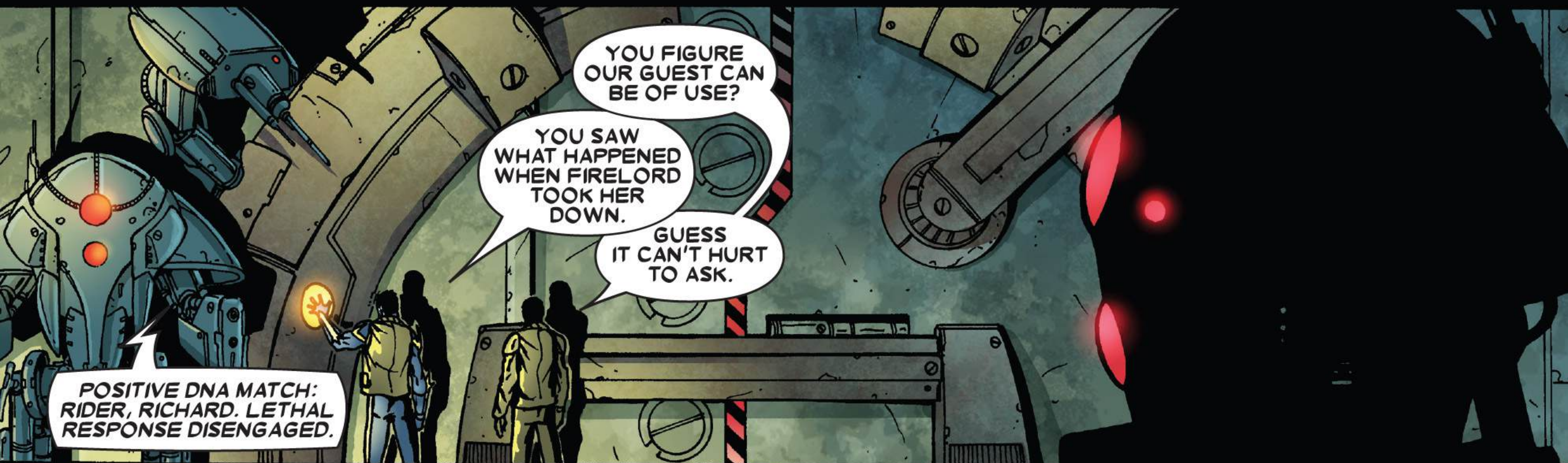
ALIVE, FIRELORD'S A HERO. DEAD, HE'S A MARTYR. EITHER WAY HE'S USEFUL.

HOW COLD IS THAT?



IT'S GETTING EASIER
AND EASIER TO THINK
THAT WAY, TO
REMOVE MYSELF
FROM THE DECISION.

THAT WORRIES
ME. A LOT.



POSITIVE DNA MATCH:
RIDER, RICHARD. LETHAL
RESPONSE DISENGAGED.

YOU SAW
WHAT HAPPENED
WHEN FIRELORD
TOOK HER
DOWN.

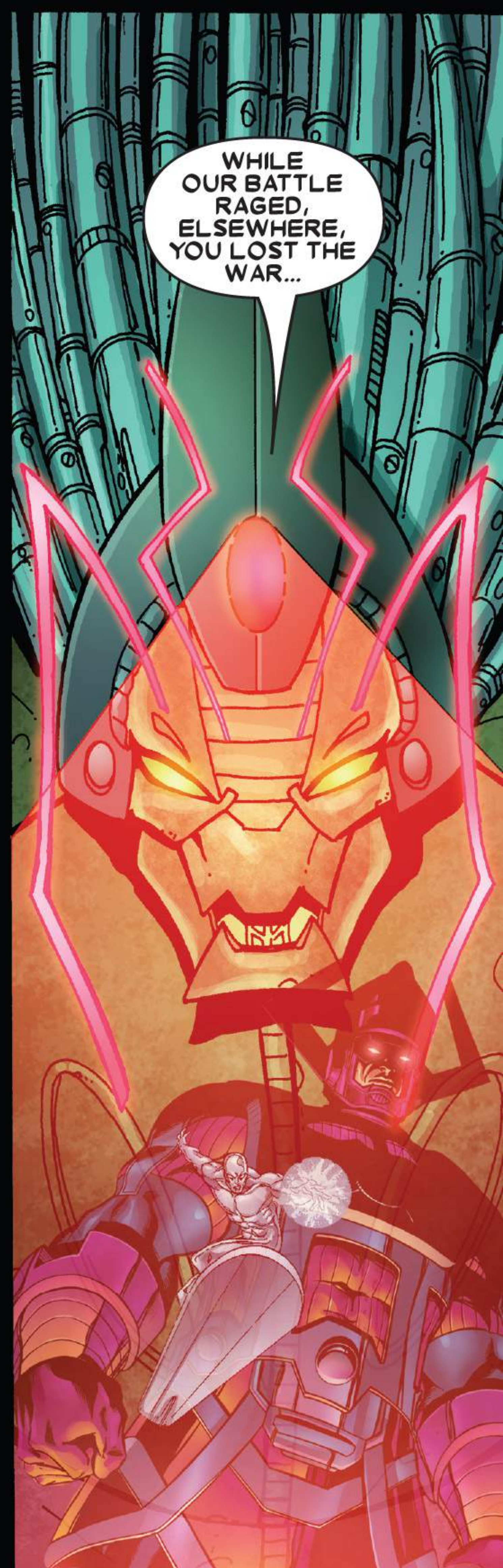
GUESS
IT CAN'T HURT
TO ASK.

YOU FIGURE
OUR GUEST CAN
BE OF USE?



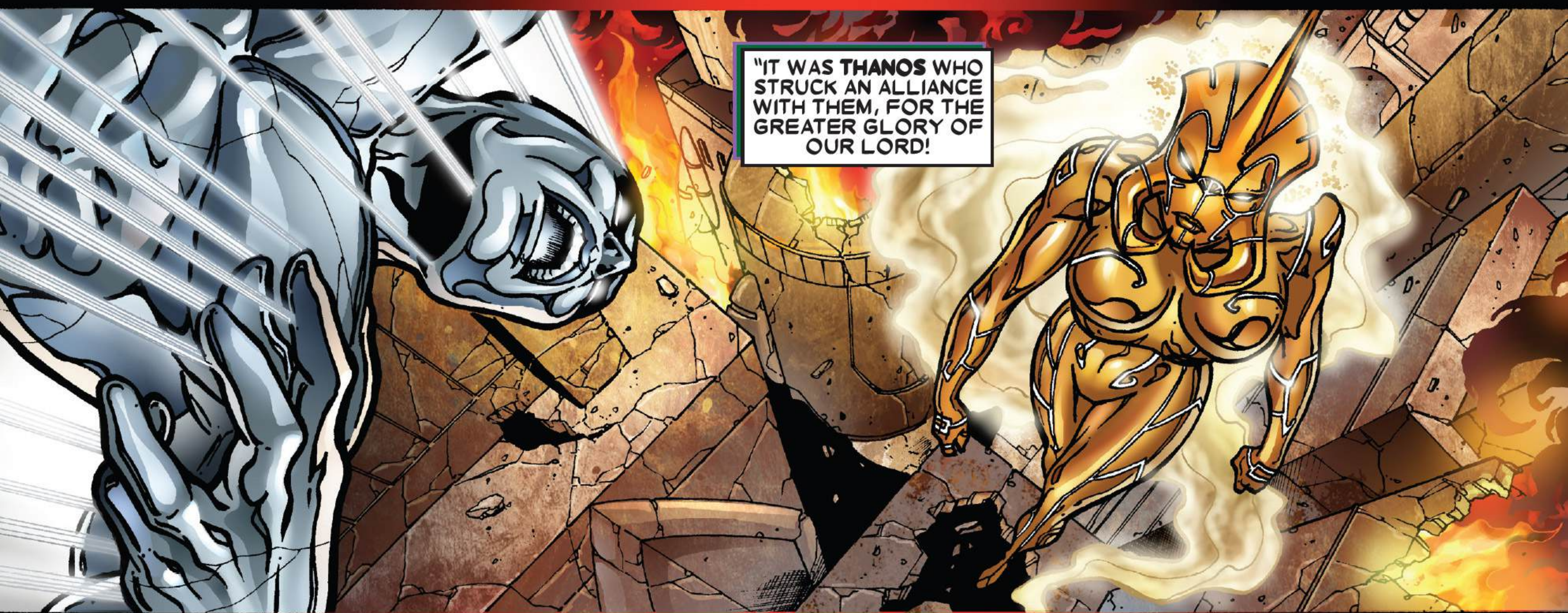
SHOULD'A
BROUGHT HER
FLOWERS. WOMEN
ARE SUCKERS FOR
FLOWERS.

I'LL TRY
TO KEEP THAT
IN MIND.

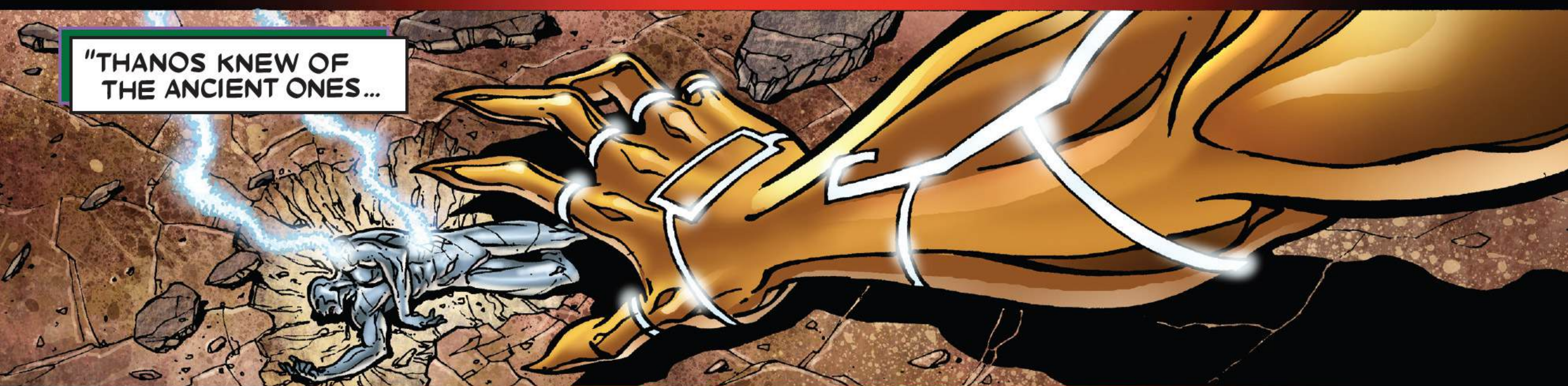




"BEFORE THE FIRELORD'S
BASE ASSAULT ON EXTIRPIA,
EXTIRPIA KNEW! KNEW AS
HER SISTERS KNEW!



"IT WAS **THANOS** WHO
STRUCK AN ALLIANCE
WITH THEM, FOR THE
GREATER GLORY OF
OUR LORD!



"**THANOS** KNEW OF
THE ANCIENT ONES...



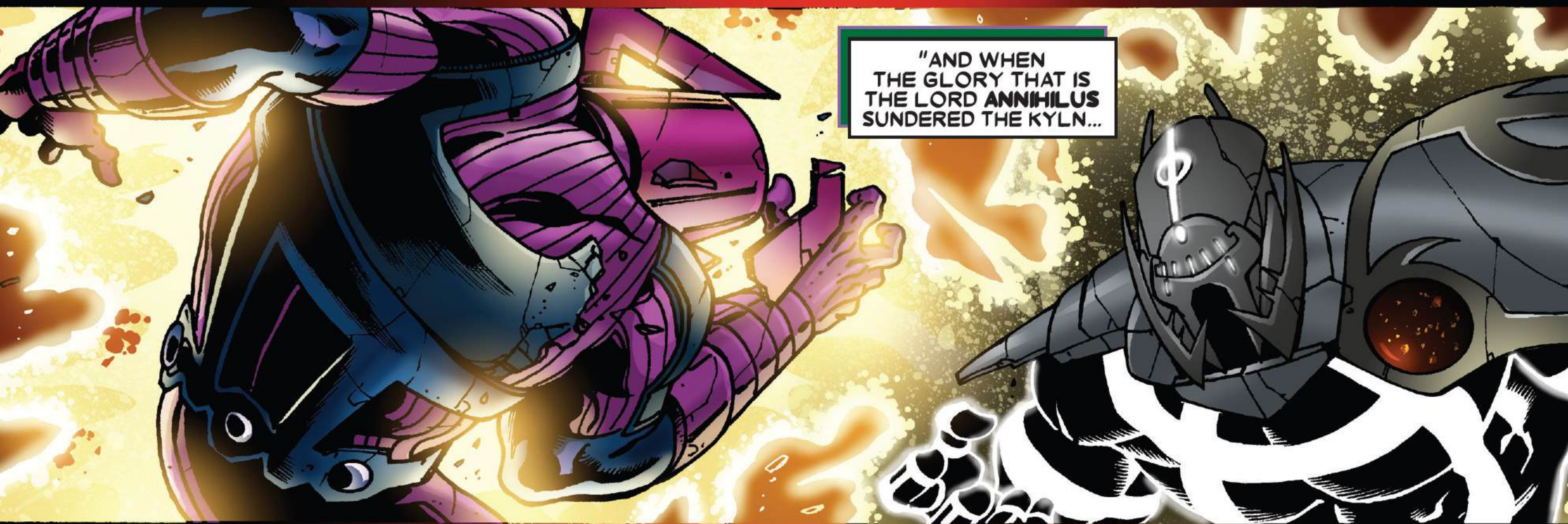
"...**AEGIS**, SHE OF
ALL SORROWS...

"...AND TENEBROUS,
OF THE DARKNESS!"





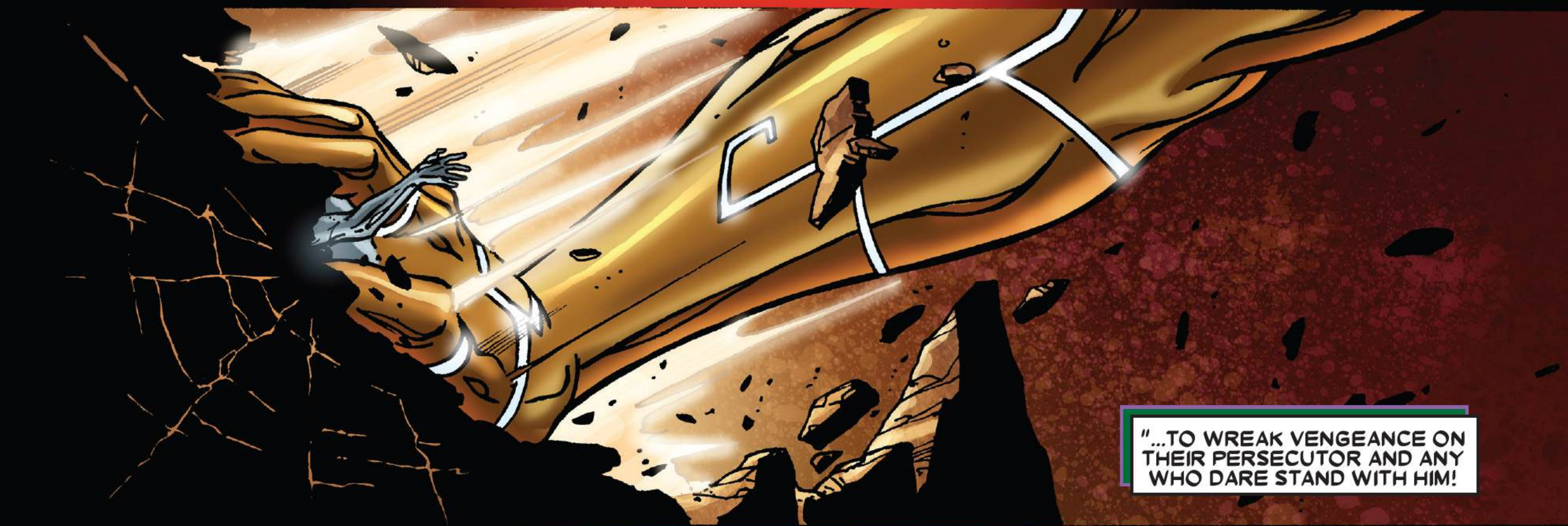
"FROM THE KYLN MOONS,
THEY CAME. IMPRISONED
BY THE DEVOURER
WHEN THIS UNIVERSE
WAS YOUNG.



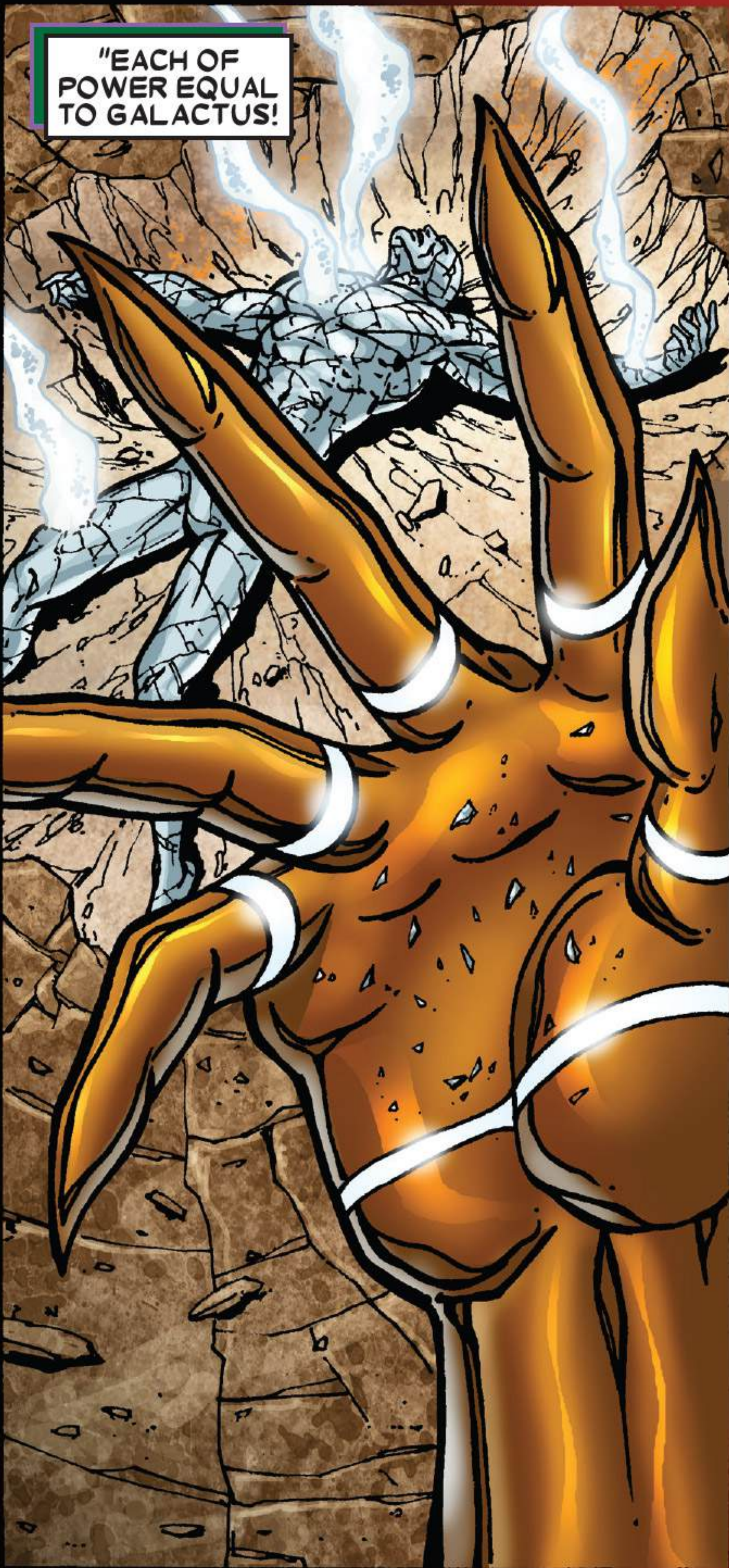
"AND WHEN
THE GLORY THAT IS
THE LORD ANNIHILUS
SUNDERED THE KYLN...



"...THEY WERE
FREED! AND THEY
HAVE COME...



"...TO WREAK VENGEANCE ON
THEIR PERSECUTOR AND ANY
WHO DARE STAND WITH HIM!



"EACH OF
POWER EQUAL
TO GALACTUS!"



"EXTIRPIA SAW! SAW IT IN
HER MIND'S EYE BEFORE
THE FIRELORD'S ASSAULT!"



"EXTIRPIA SAW THE
LORD ANNIHILUS'
VICTORY! HIS WILL
BE DONE!"



"DON'T YOU
SEE..."

**"...GALACTUS
HAS FALLEN!"**



"EXTIRPIA
SAW IT ALL!"



"AND WHAT NOW FOR
FALLEN GALACTUS
AND HIS HERALD,
THE SILVER SURFER?"



"THAT...THAT IS
NOT FOR SUCH AS
EXTIRPIA TO KNOW."

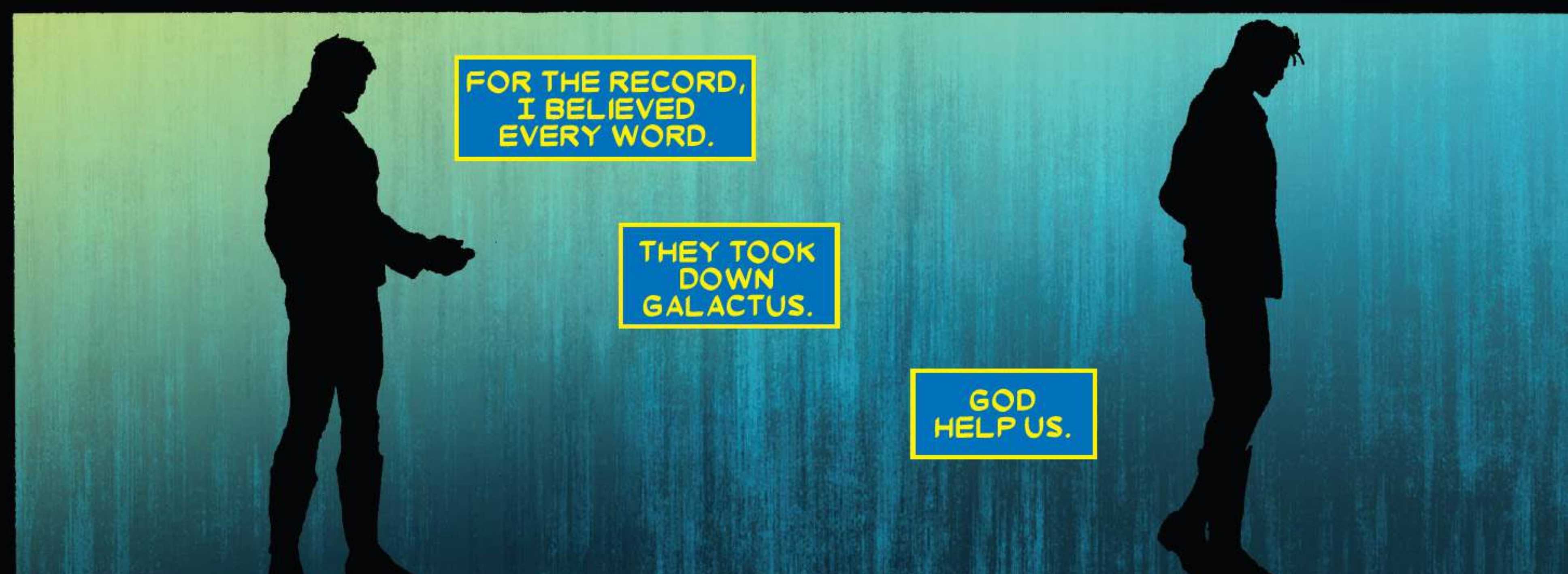


"EXTIRPIA WILL SATE HERSELF IN
KNOWING THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO
SERVE HER BELOVED LORD WELL."



"BE THEY MAD TITAN OR
ELDER GOD, THEY KNOW
ANNIHILUS AS MASTER!"





ANNIHILATION #1 VARIANT

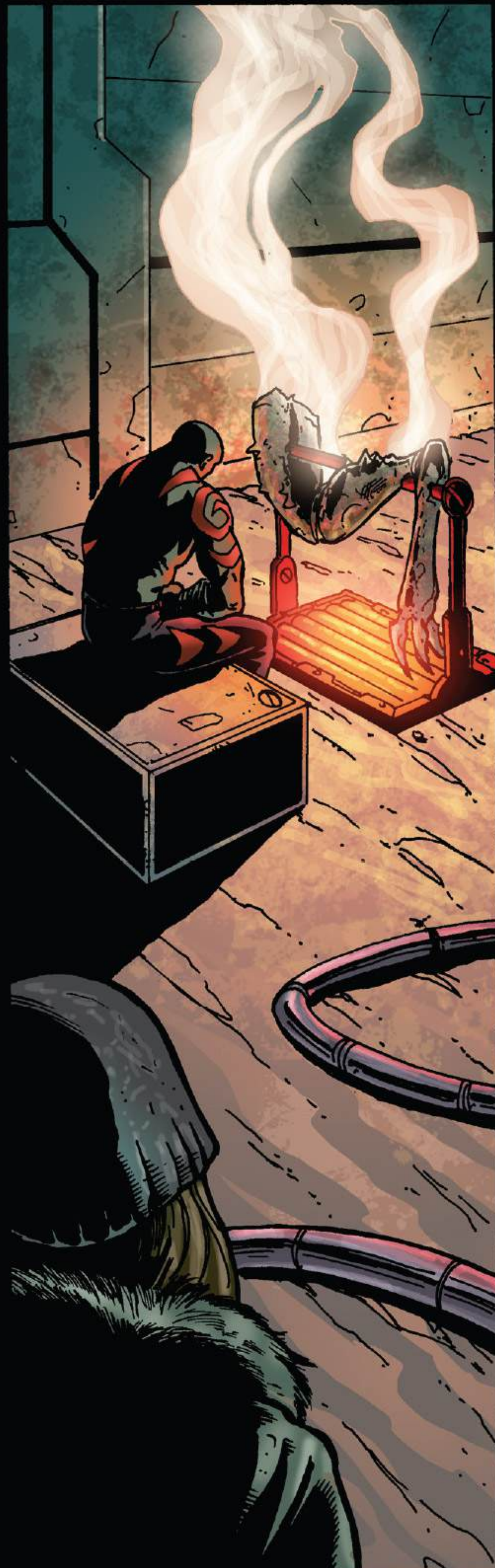


ANNIHILATION #2





ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 212.
DAEDALUS 5, KREE SYSTEM PERIPHERY.



NICE TRY,
DRAX.

I
THOUGHT
SO.

HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE YOU
TRIED TO DITCH
ME?

TWELVE.



THINK
YOU'D LEARN
BY NOW.

YOU'D
THINK.

YOU'RE
NOT GONNA
EAT THAT,
ARE YOU?



FIELD RATIONS
ARE FINITE, CAMMI.
BUGS AREN'T. I'D JUST
AS SOON NOT STARVE
IF THERE'S A VIABLE
OPTION--

YOU'RE
A HARD MAN
TO FIND.



HE TOOK
HER, DRAX.
THANOS...

...HE
TOOK YOUR
DAUGHTER.

PHYLA!
WHAT ARE
YOU--



I THOUGHT YOU SAID
YOUR DAUGHTER
WAS DEAD?

NOT
NOW!

THANOS
TOOK MY...



PHYLA. DID
HE KILL HER? DID
THANOS--

HE TOOK
HER! BLESSED
CREATOR, THAT...
THAT THING
TOOK HEATHER!
HE--



SWAK

FOCUS!
WHERE'S
HEATHER?



I-I'M
SORRY...

HE WAS
SO COLD...
CALCULATING.
WE NEVER HAD
A CHANCE.

FROM
THE **BEGINNING**.
TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED TO MY
DAUGHTER.



"WE WENT TO MY FATHER AND BROTHER'S GRAVES ON TITAN--SO I COULD PAY MY RESPECTS..."

WHY DO YOU PUT YOURSELF THROUGH THIS, PHYLA?
I CHOOSE TO.

YOU'RE JUST PROLONGING THE PAIN. THEY'RE GONE.

YOUR FATHER--

YOUR BROTHER--

YOU'VE GOT TO LET THEM GO.



I THOUGHT I COULD CARRY ON FOR HIM...FOR THEM. I THOUGHT I COULD BE THE NEXT CAPTAIN MARVEL...THE NEXT "PROTECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE"...

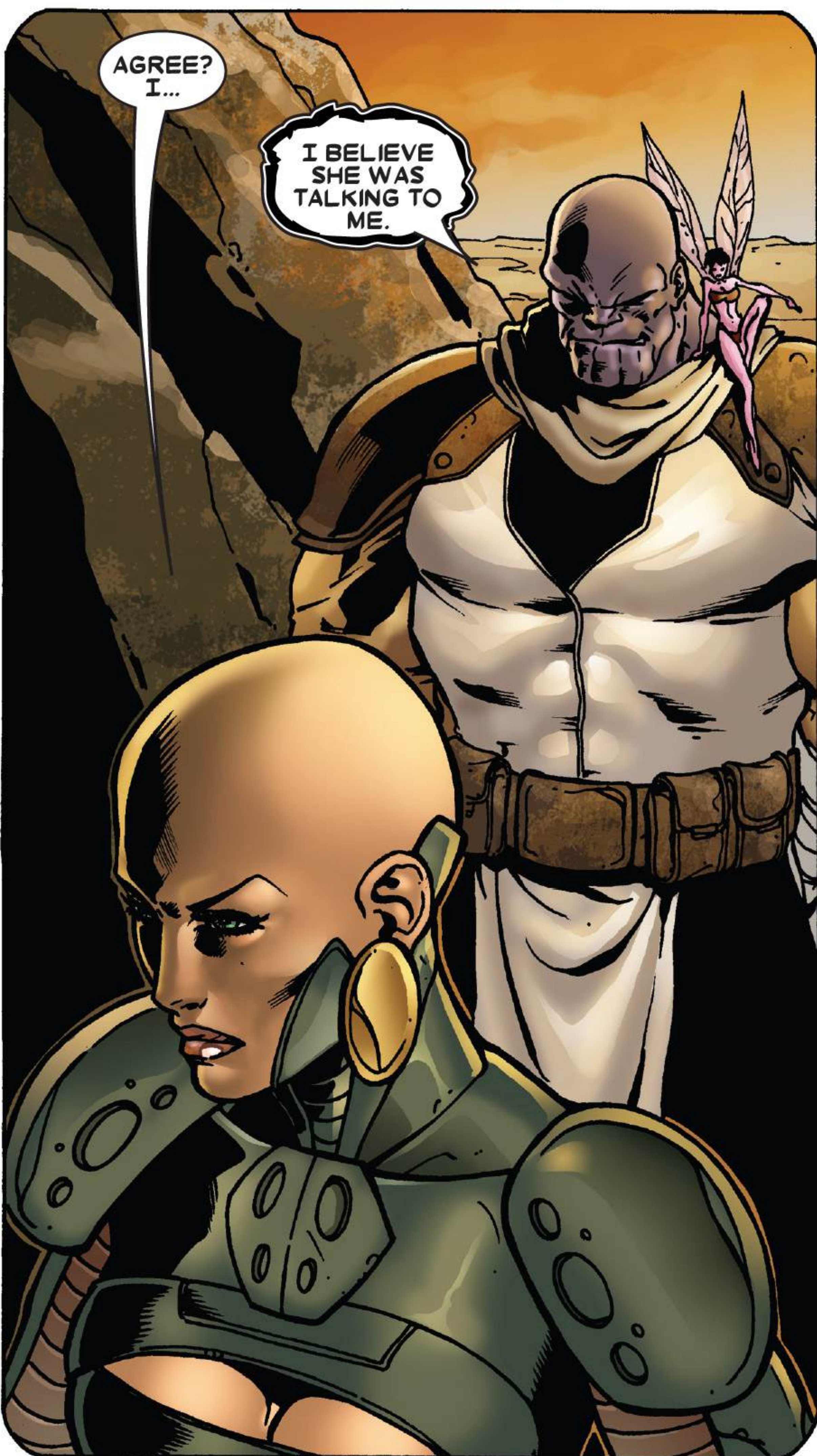
YOU COULD--

NO, HEATHER. I'M NOWHERE NEAR READY, I THOUGHT I WAS BUT... I'M NOT. NOT YET.



THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO IT THAN JUST THE NAME.

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?



AGREE? I...

I BELIEVE SHE WAS TALKING TO ME.



THANOS!

TSK... MOONDRAGON-- DAUGHTER OF DRAX, IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET AN OLD FRIEND?

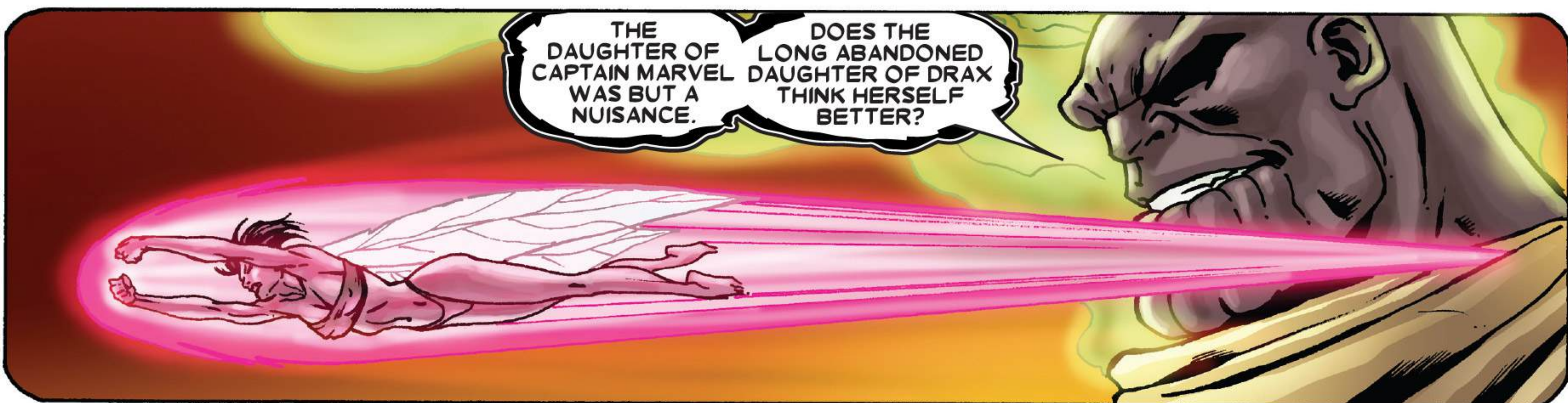
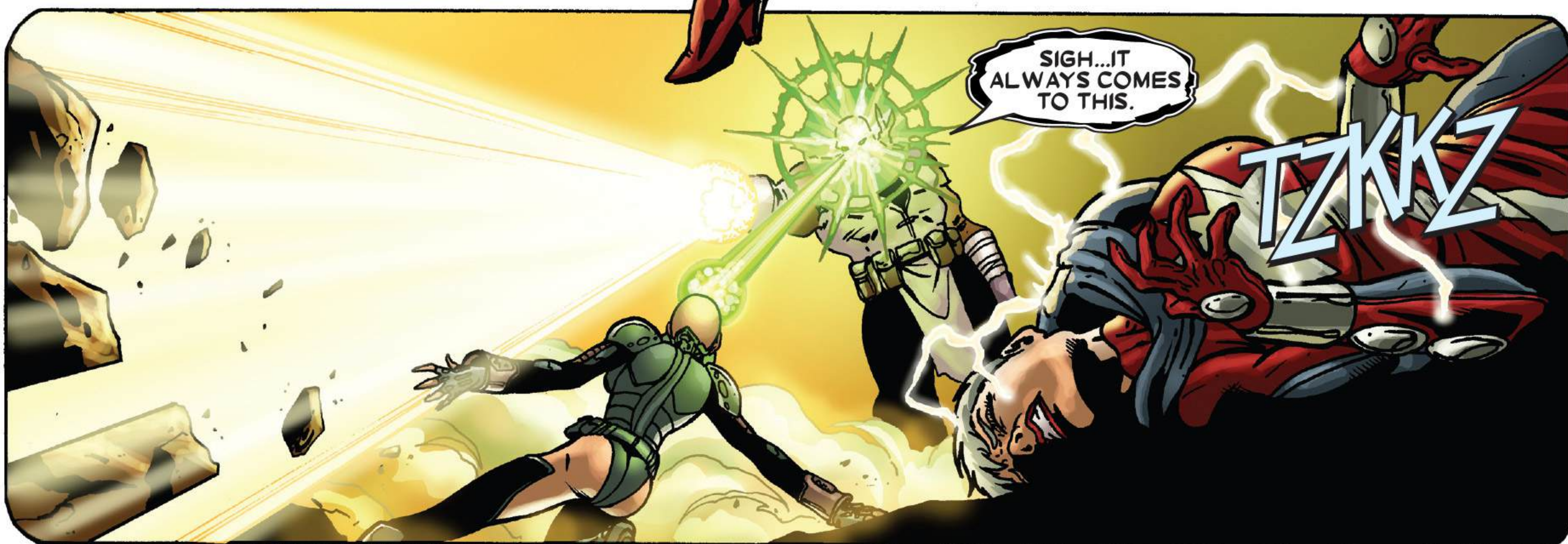
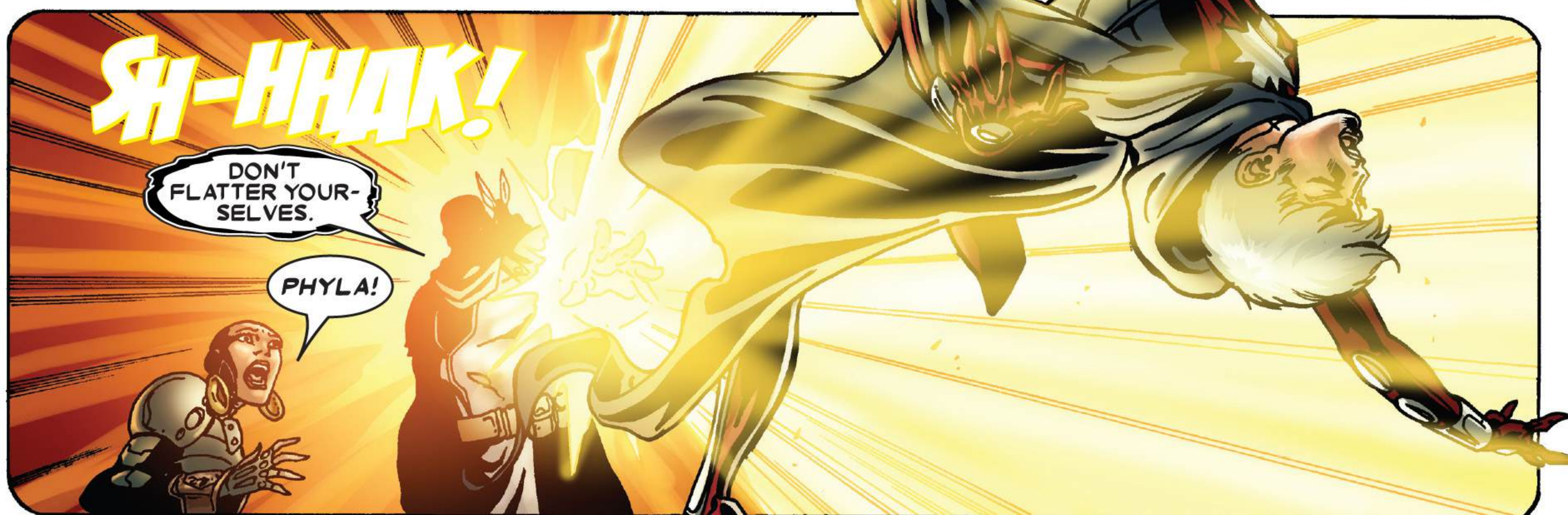
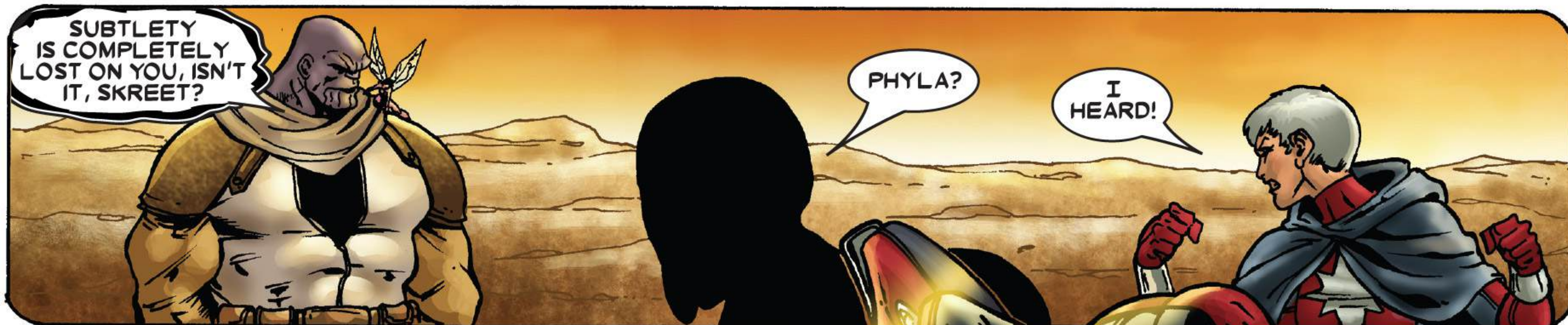
FRIEND!? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE WORD MEANS?

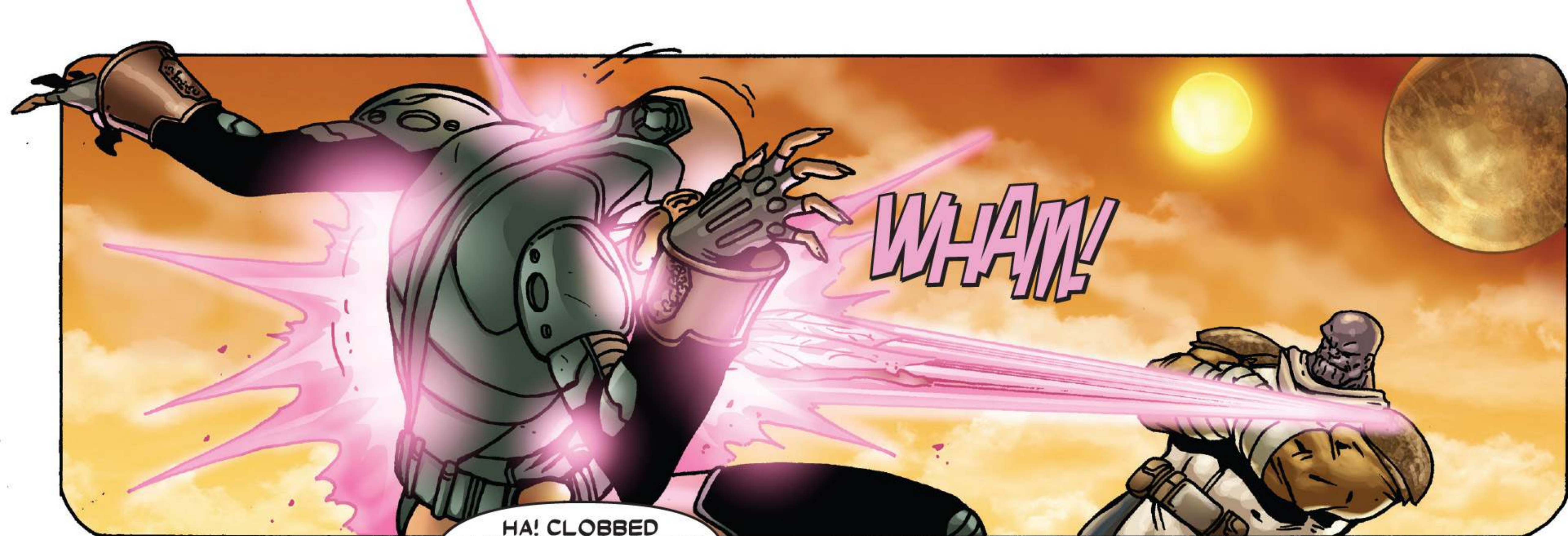
I'VE A... NODDING ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE CONCEPT.



I FELT YOU WELL BEFORE YOU PHASED IN. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD--TELEPORTATION IS AN IMPRECISE SCIENCE.

HEARD? PHYLA, DEAR GIRL, WHO DO YOU THINK STARTED THAT PARANOIA-LACED INACCURACY?

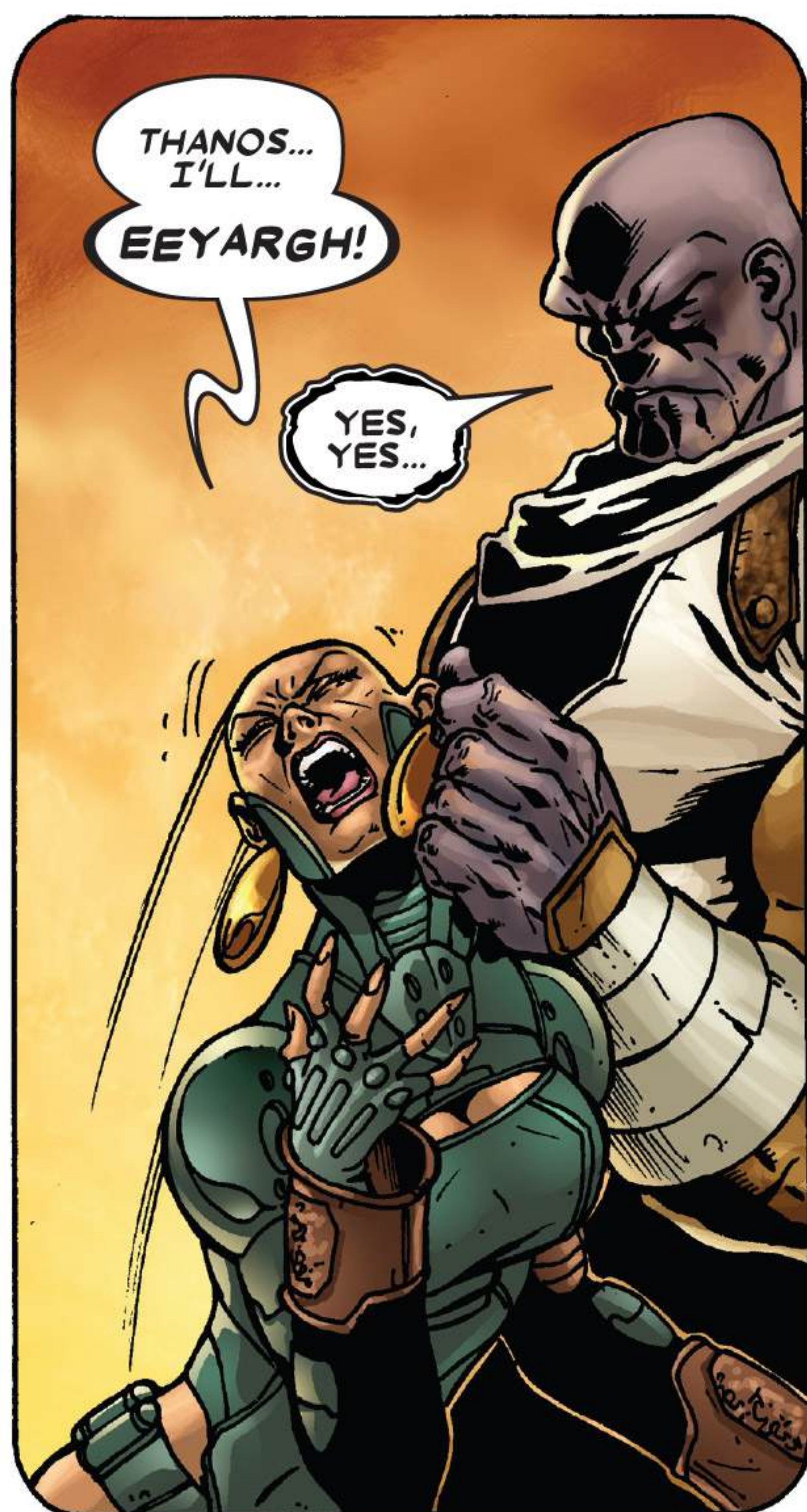




HA! CLOBBED THEM! NO SUBTLERS! CLOBBED THEM GOOD AND DONE!

IF YOU SAY "CLOBBED" ONE MORE TIME...

WHY...



THANOS... I'LL...
EEYARGH!

YES, YES...



...I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE.

SHRIIP!

H-AAAAGGHHH!

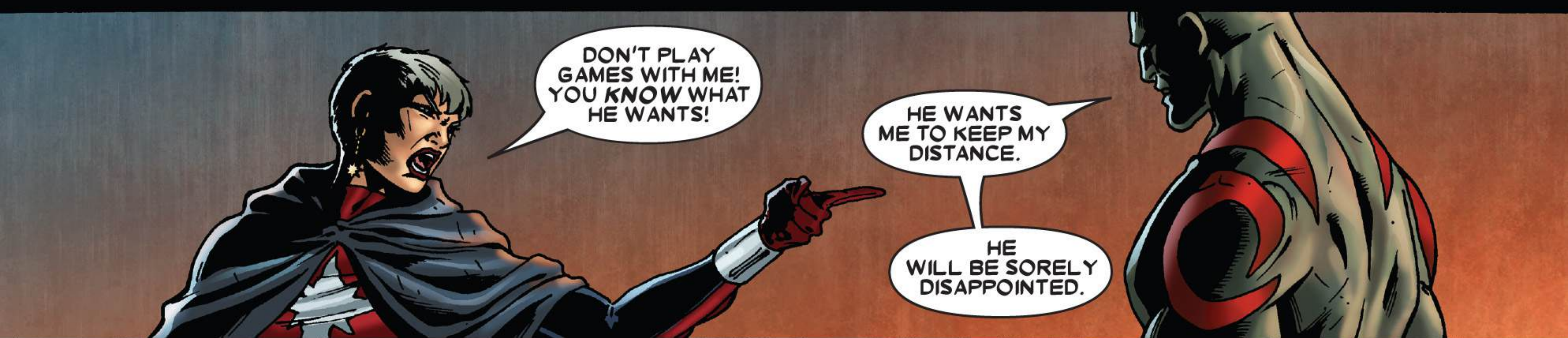


I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME, PRETENDER TO MAR-VELL'S LEGACY. SEE THAT DRAX THE DESTROYER GETS THIS.

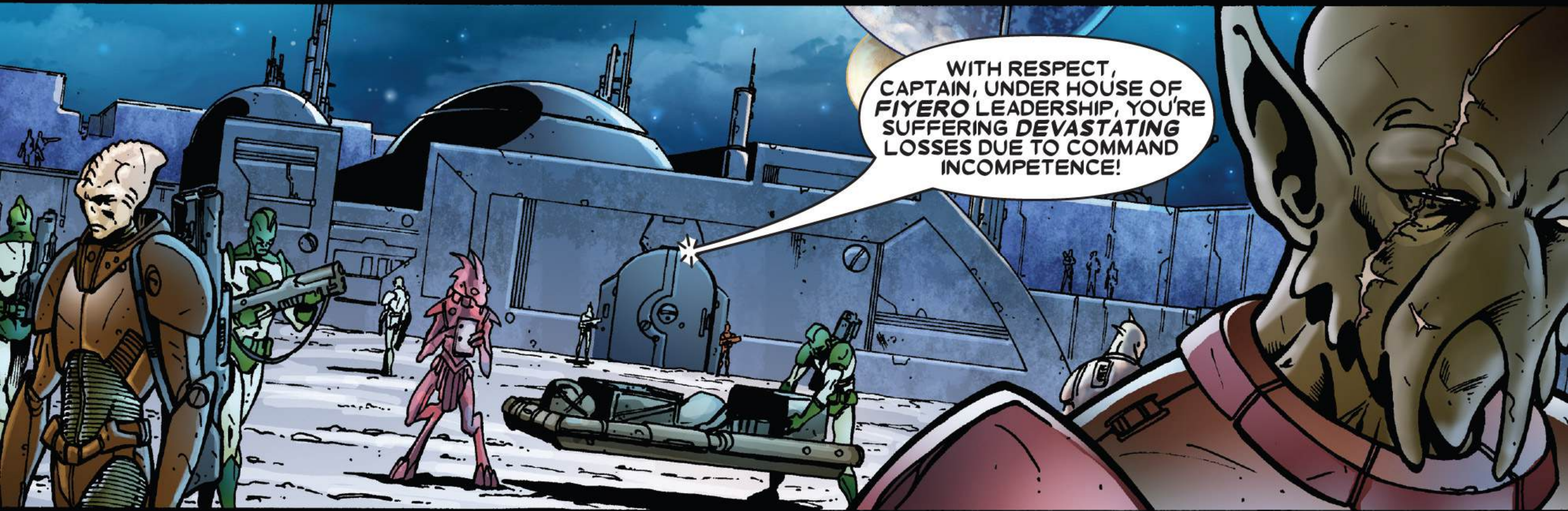
TELL HIM THANOS HAS HIS HEART'S DESIRE.



TELL HIM HIS DAUGHTER'S FATE IS HIS TO DETERMINE.







WITH RESPECT, CAPTAIN, UNDER HOUSE OF FIYERO LEADERSHIP, YOU'RE SUFFERING DEVASTATING LOSSES DUE TO COMMAND INCOMPETENCE!



HOW MANY MORE KREE WARRIORS MUST DIE BEFORE THE HOUSE OF FIYERO TURNS THIS WAR OVER TO THOSE BEST FIT TO WAGE IT?!

THE KREE PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER YOUR CONCERN, RONAN.

THE KREE WILL ALWAYS BE MY CONCERN!



RONAN IS A TRAITOR TO THE KREE RACE, NOVA. ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE CHOSEN THE PROPER ALLIES?

YOU DARE!

YOUR KIND KNOW NOTHING OF WAR! THE HOUSE OF FIYERO IS OF COMMERCE! YOU ARE MERCHANTS, NOT WARRIORS!

WAR IS OF STRATEGY AND GUILT! YOU THROW AWAY KREE LIVES AS IF THEY WERE COMMODITIES TO BE USED AND DISCARDED!



ALL KREE ARE COMMODITIES. TO EACH THEIR FUNCTION. THE WARRIOR'S FUNCTION IS TO DEFEND TO THE DEATH.

FIYERO CHOOSES TO UTILIZE THIS FUNCTION. SUCH IS WAR.

SUCH IS MADNESS!



WHAT DOES THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE ADVISE?

THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE IS NO LONGER RELEVANT.

THE HOUSE OF FIYERO RULES THE KREE EMPIRE.



MERCHANTS AND SYCOPHANTS. HAVE THE KREE SUNK SO LOW...?

HAS RONAN, ONCE THE ACCUSER, FORGOTTEN?

YOUR ARREST WARRANT STILL STANDS.



THAT "ARREST WARRANT" DOESN'T HAVE ANY TEETH OUT HERE.

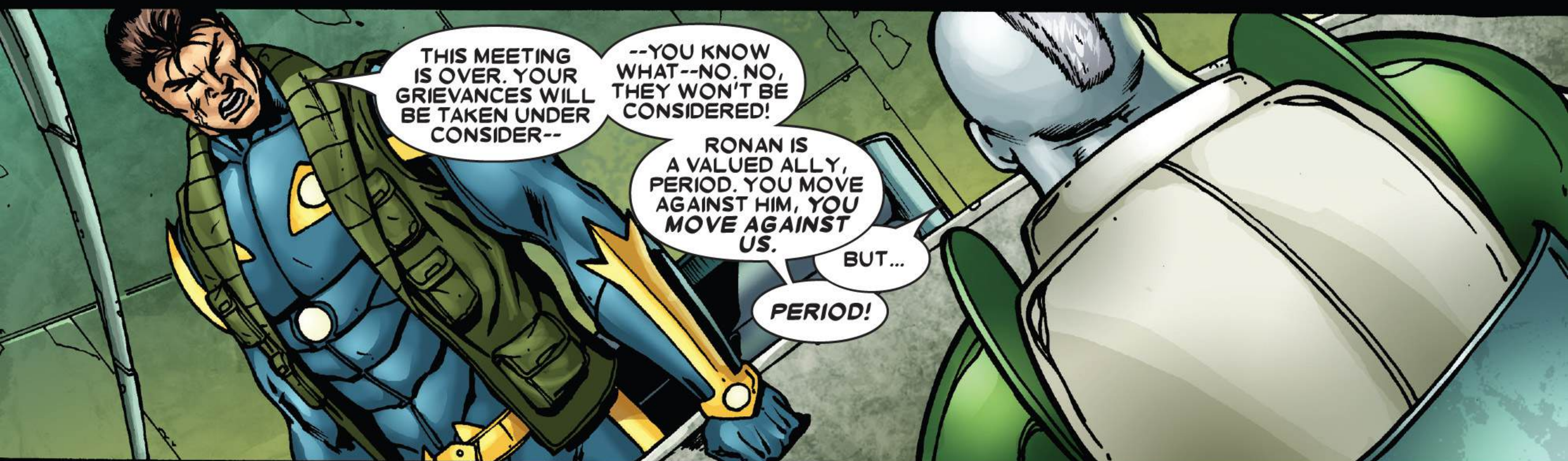
THAT IS UNFORTUNATE TO HEAR, MR. QUILL. PERHAPS HOUSE FIYERO SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS ALLIANCE WITH THE UNITED FRONT.

IS THAT A THREAT?



RONAN, ONCE CALLED ACCUSER, IS A FUGITIVE FROM KREE JUSTICE!

IS IT UNITED FRONT POLICY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES?



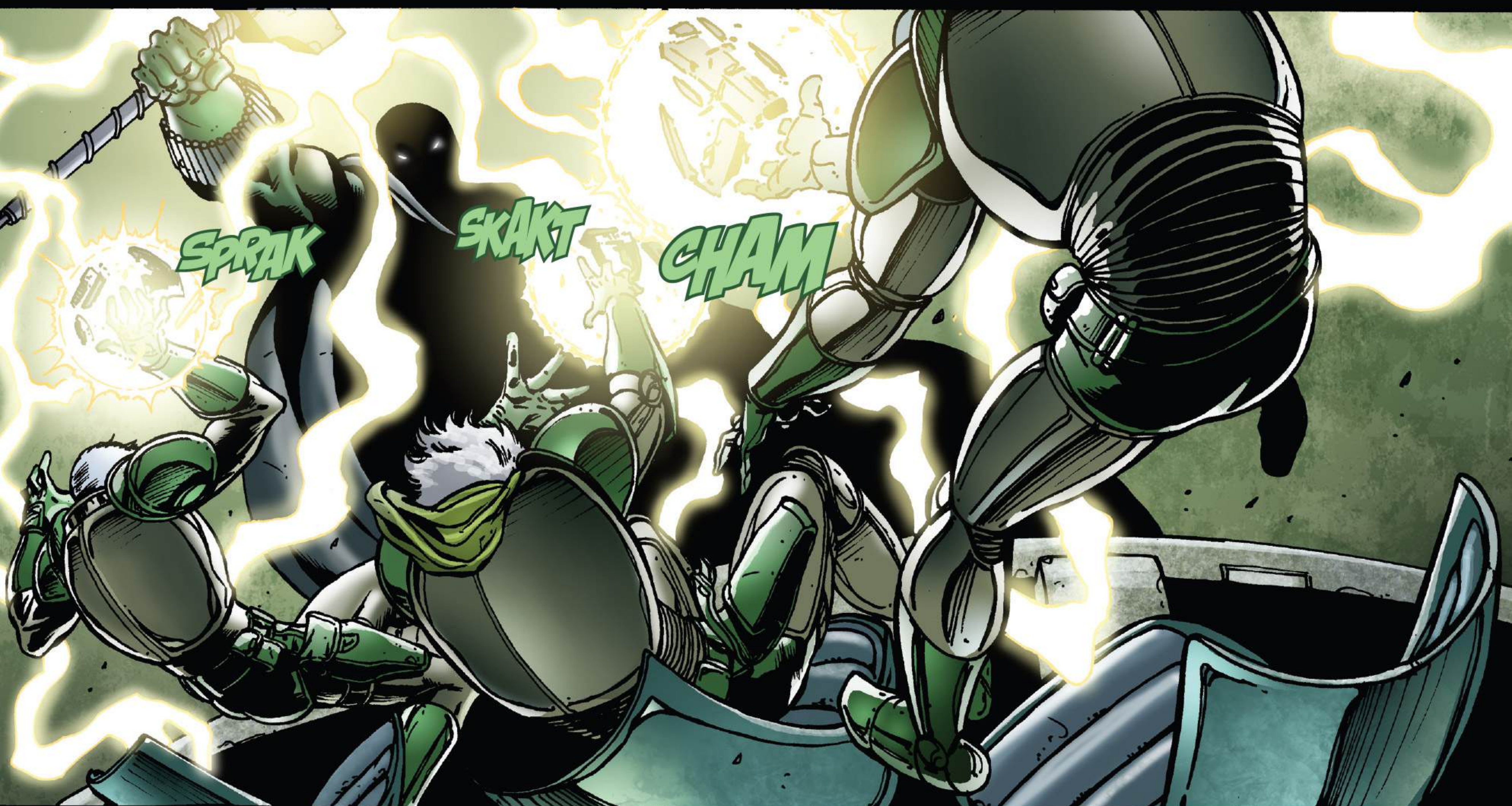
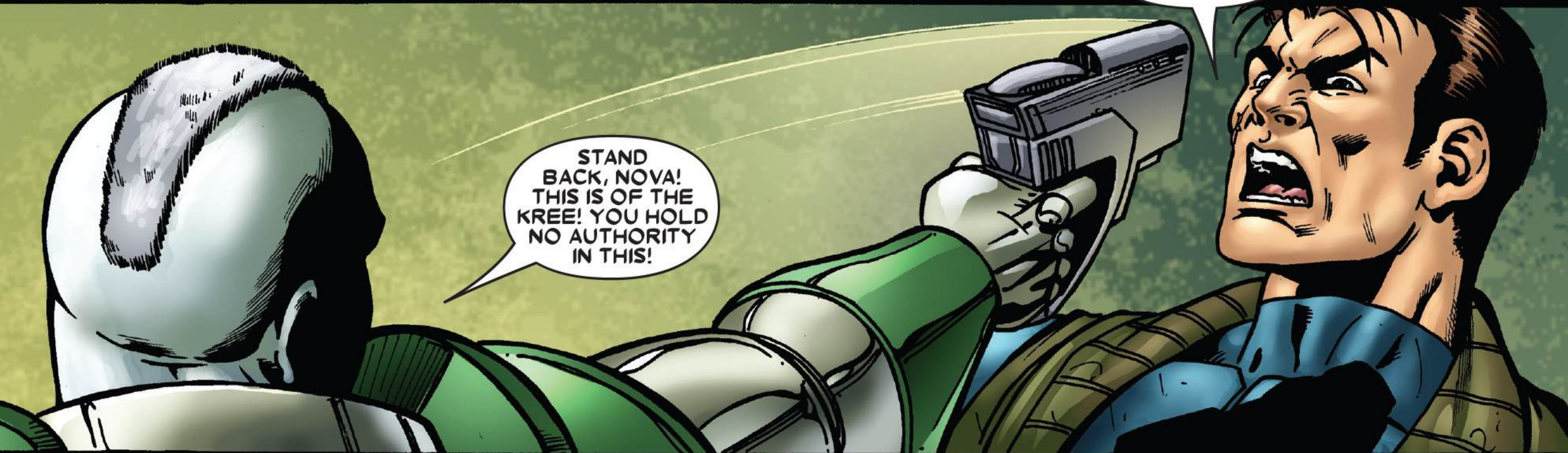
THIS MEETING IS OVER. YOUR GRIEVANCES WILL BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDER--

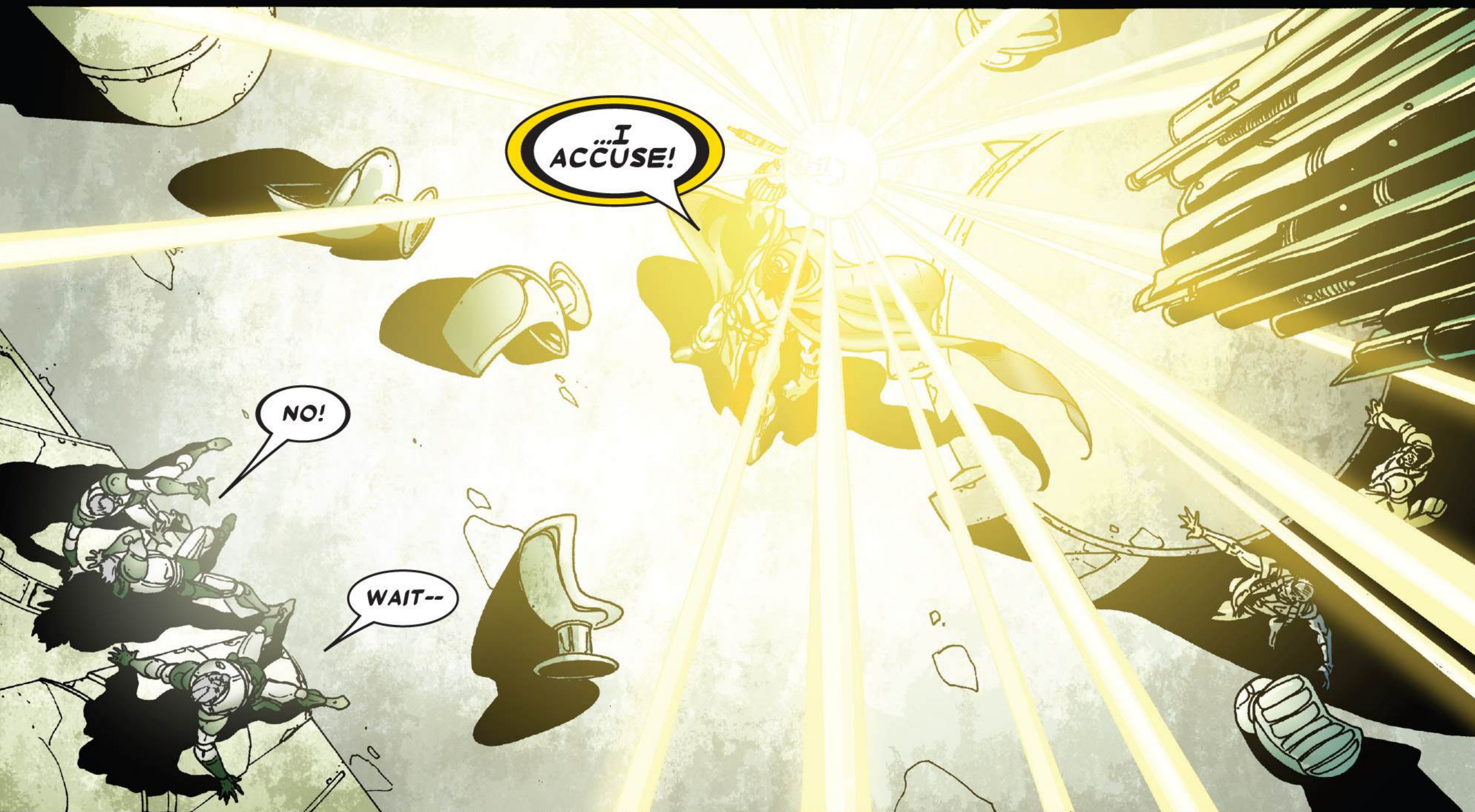
--YOU KNOW WHAT--NO. NO, THEY WON'T BE CONSIDERED!

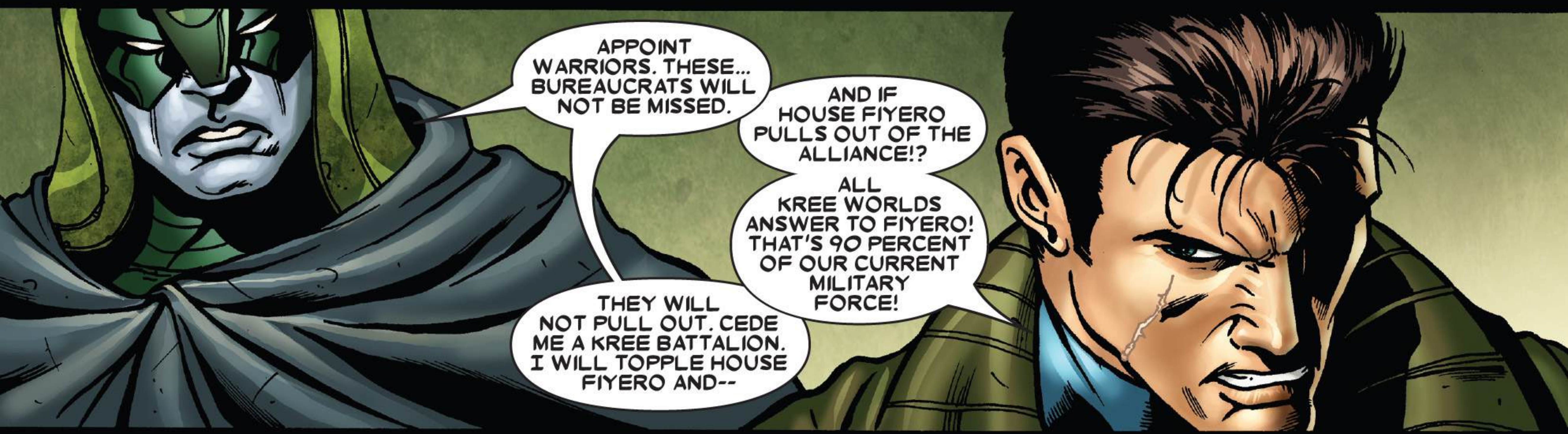
RONAN IS A VALUED ALLY, PERIOD. YOU MOVE AGAINST HIM, YOU MOVE AGAINST US.

BUT...

PERIOD!







APPOINT
WARRIORS. THESE...
BUREAUCRATS WILL
NOT BE MISSED.

AND IF
HOUSE FIYERO
PULLS OUT OF THE
ALLIANCE!?

ALL
KREE WORLDS
ANSWER TO FIYERO!
THAT'S 90 PERCENT
OF OUR CURRENT
MILITARY
FORCE!

THEY WILL
NOT PULL OUT. CEDE
ME A KREE BATTALION.
I WILL TOPPLE HOUSE
FIYERO AND--



REALITY
CHECK!

I CAN'T
EVEN "CEDE"
YOU A LATRINE CREW!
HAVE YOU *SEEN* HOW
THINLY STRETCHED
WE ARE!?

RICHARD...



¡SNF!
ROAST KREE. MY
FAVORITE.

BAD TIMING,
GAMORA.

ASK
ME IF I
CARE.



THERE'S
SOMEONE HERE
YOU SHOULD
MEET.

ALL
OF YOU.



CALLS HERSELF
PRAXAGORA.

CATCHY.

SHE
CAME BEARING
GIFTS.

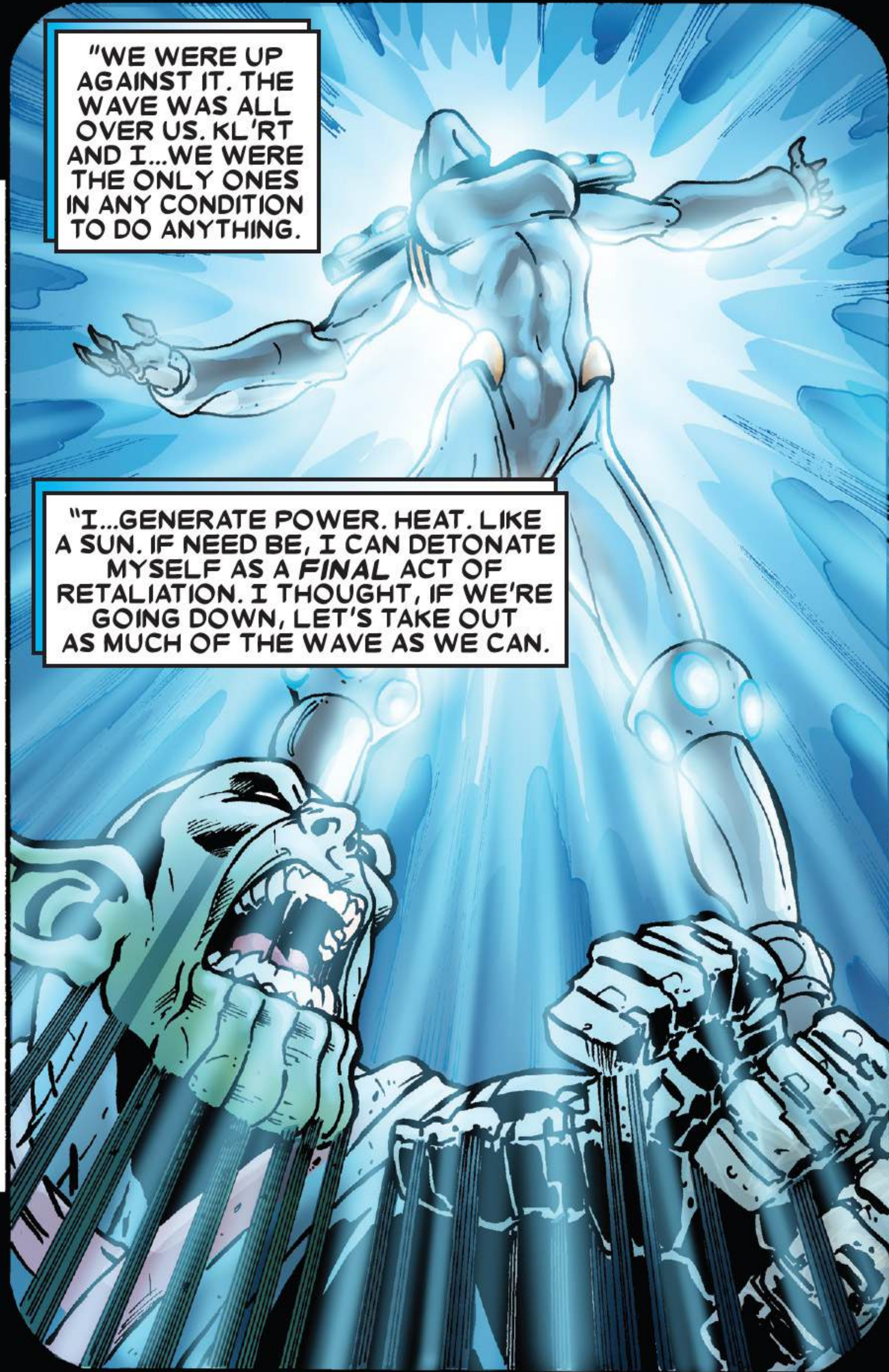
MEANING?

YOU'LL
SEE.

THE
STRANGE ONES
ARE COMING OUT,
PRAXAGORA.

THANK
YOU, RALEK,
WERE READY
FOR THEM.





"WE WERE UP AGAINST IT. THE WAVE WAS ALL OVER US. KL'RT AND I...WE WERE THE ONLY ONES IN ANY CONDITION TO DO ANYTHING.

"I...GENERATE POWER. HEAT. LIKE A SUN. IF NEED BE, I CAN DETONATE MYSELF AS A FINAL ACT OF RETALIATION. I THOUGHT, IF WE'RE GOING DOWN, LET'S TAKE OUT AS MUCH OF THE WAVE AS WE CAN.



"KL'RT... HE... HE TRUMPED MY PLAY. **KNOWING IT WOULD KILL HIM, HE ABSORBED THE HEAT I WAS GENERATING AND TOOK THE HIT.**

"HE TOLD ME THAT HERE, IN THIS UNIVERSE, HE'S ONE OF THE BAD GUYS.

"HE DIED A HERO. HE'S NOT ONE OF THE BAD GUYS."

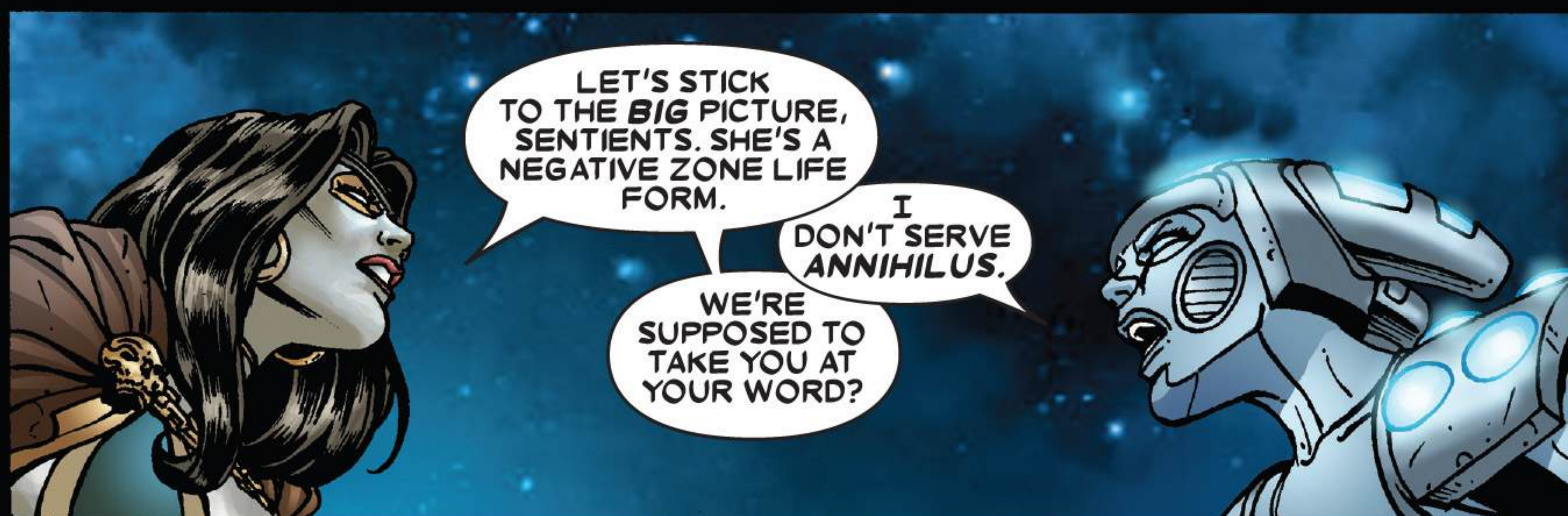


SO YOU SAY. *~PTU~!*

BELAY THAT!

WHAT THE--?

SPAT



LET'S STICK TO THE **BIG PICTURE**, SENTIENTS. SHE'S A NEGATIVE ZONE LIFE FORM.

I DON'T SERVE ANNIHILUS.

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD?



CAT FIGHT!

I LED A RESISTANCE CELL! I FOUGHT BY KL'RT'S SIDE! I BROUGHT HIM HOME! I DO NOT SERVE ANNIHILUS!



A PITY, THAT.

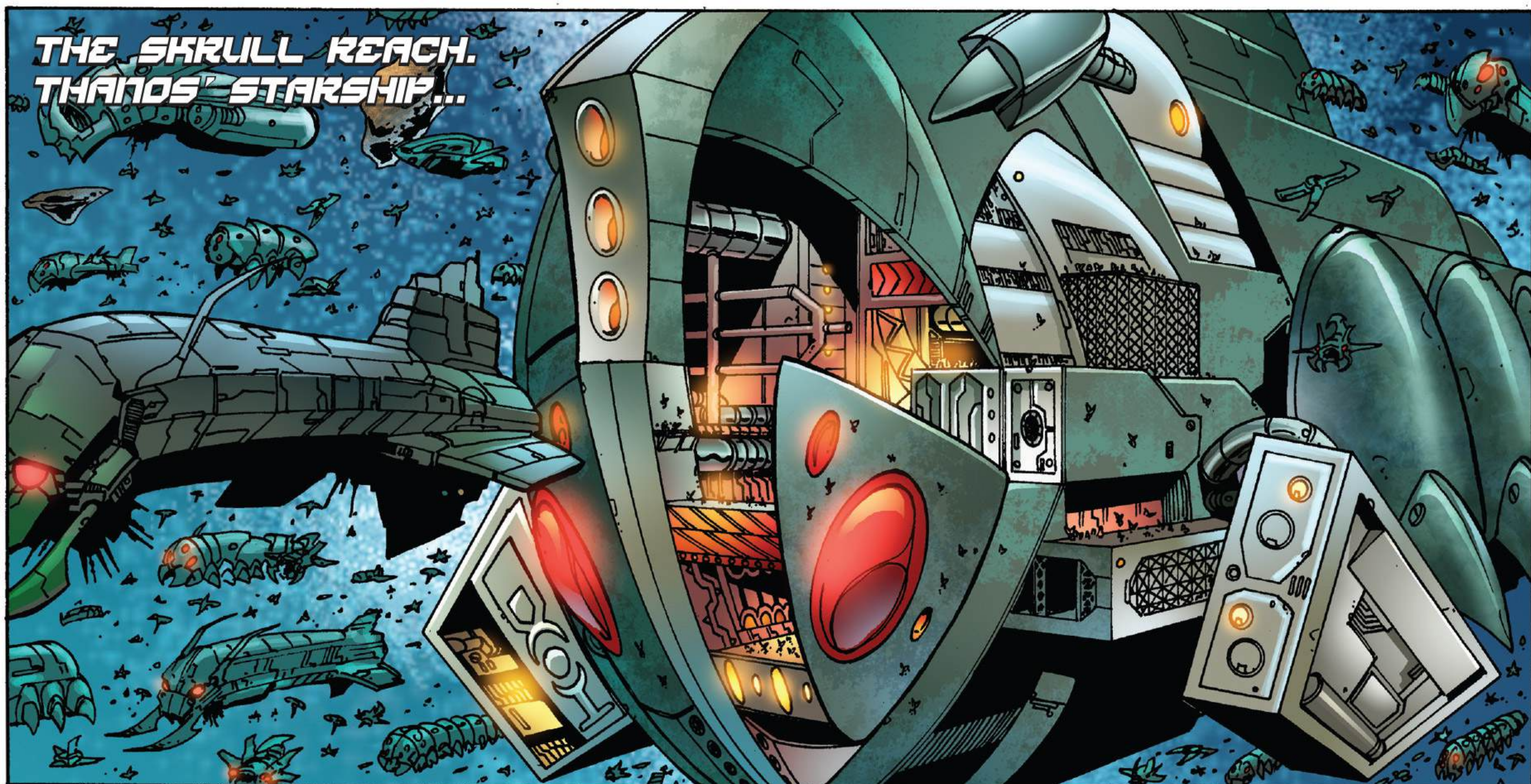


THOSE WHO
STAND AGAINST
ANNIHILUS DO NOT
STAND LONG.

YOU,
MORE THAN ANY,
SHOULD KNOW THIS,
PRAXAGORA.

RAVENOUS!





THE SKRULL REACH.
THANOS' STARSHIP...



HOW
SOON,
THANOS!?

WOULD THE
"LORD" ANNIHILUS
HAVE IT DONE RIGHT
OR DONE FAST?

I
WOULD HAVE
IT DONE!



YOUR
RANCOR IS
MISPLACED.

WHO WAS
IT STRUCK THE BARGAIN
WITH THE TWO ELDERS,
TENEBROUS AND AEGIS?
WHO WAS IT WHO GAVE YOU
TELEPORTATION TECHNOLOGY?
WHO WAS IT MADE A GIFT
OF THE LORD ANNIHILUS'
HEART'S DESIRE?

DO NOT!
DO NOT TASK
ME, THANOS
OF TITAN!



SUCH WAS
NEVER MY
INTENTION.

WHAT WILL BE,
WILL BE. GALACTUS AND
THE SILVER SURFER WILL
SOON REVEAL ALL...

YOU TASKED
ME TO DISCOVER
THE BIOLOGICAL
APPLICATION OF
COSMIC POWER.

...AND YOU
SHALL HAVE
IT SOON.





PAIBOK--THE
SNIPERS!

GOT
'EM.

TERRAX, KILL
GAMORA.

GRRAA!

LEAVE THE
GROUND TROOPS
TO THE ROBOT AND
DELINQUENT...

...NOVA
IS MINE!

DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS!

MAN I'M
NOT EVEN ON
RAVENOUS'
RADAR.

CONSIDER
YOURSELF
LUCKY,
PETER!

NOW
SHUT UP AND
MOVE!

WATCH IT,
GAMORA!

YOUR
CONCERN IS
MISPLACED,
NOVA...

...IT SEEMS
TERRAX IS NOT
THE ONLY ONE WHO
UNDERESTIMATES
ME TODAY.



STAND DOWN, RAVENOUS.

TO GET TO NOVA, YOU'LL HAVE TO FELL ME.

FAIR ENOUGH.



I WAS WONDERING HOW LONG IT'D TAKE THANOS TO SHARE HIS TELEPORT CAPACITY!

AND YOU DIDN'T FEEL THE NEED TO BRING THIS UP!?



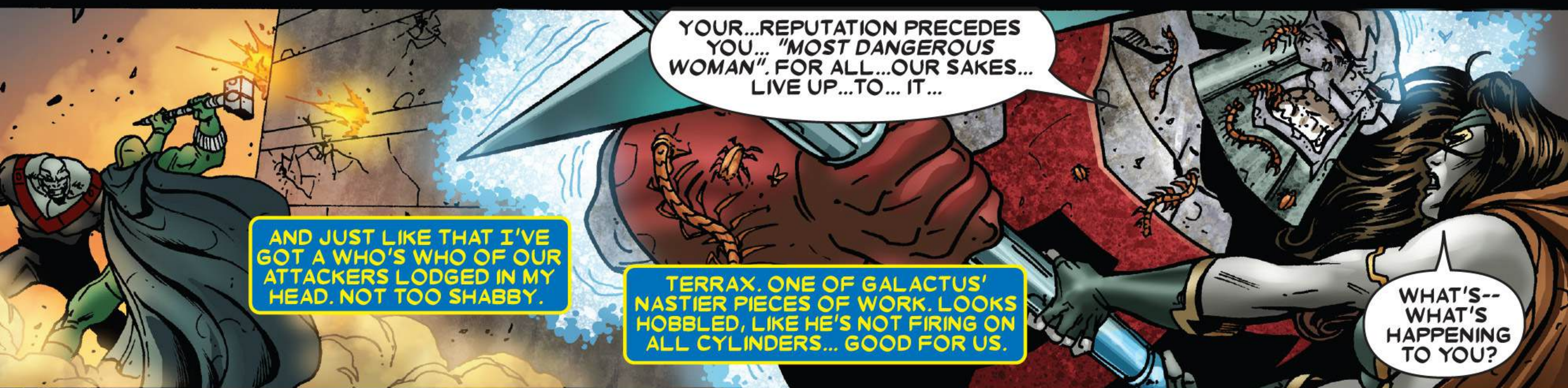
YOU NEVER READ THE BRIEFS, DO YOU?

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING!?

CEREBRAL LOG.
NOVA CORPS OPERATIVE:
11249-44396 / RICHARD RIDER.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE SHARING HEAD SPACE WITH THE WORLD MIND.

WHATEVER ANSWER PETER GIVES ME GETS LOST IN THE DATA CASCADE THAT'S SUDDENLY ROARING THROUGH MY HEAD.



YOUR...REPUTATION PRECEDES YOU... "MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN". FOR ALL...OUR SAKES... LIVE UP...TO... IT...

AND JUST LIKE THAT I'VE GOT A WHO'S WHO OF OUR ATTACKERS LODGED IN MY HEAD. NOT TOO SHABBY.

TERRAX. ONE OF GALACTUS' NASTIER PIECES OF WORK. LOOKS HOBBOLED, LIKE HE'S NOT FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS... GOOD FOR US.

WHAT'S-- WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?



THE GIANT ROBOT MATCHES THE CHASSIS SPECS OF THE ONE THE MAD THINKER TOSSED UP AGAINST THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

BEHIND ME! DON'T LET THE MIST TOUCH YOU!

PRAXAGORA SEEMS TO BE HOLDING HIM OFF...



CHAK-RAK!

FALL BACK!

...OR NOT SO MUCH...



RED SHIFT AND STARDUST--OUR ARIEL CAVALRY-- COME FROM ABOVE. THAT'S PETER'S DOING.

OUR ALLIES ARE OUTMATCHED. WE WERE WELL SUMMONED, RED SHIFT.

ANTANEA BOY'S AN ELANIAN AND ELANIANS ARE ALL ABOUT MIND OVER MATTER.



RAAGH!

DRAX MAKES THE ELANIAN HIS PROBLEM. I DECIDE TO LET HIM.



SO THE SURVIVING EX-HERALDS OF GALACTUS CHARGE TO YOUR RESCUE.

TELL ME, RONAN, DOES THEIR LACK OF FAITH IN YOUR PROWESS GALL YOU?



NOT THAT IT MATTERS.



GO HOME.

AAAGH!
WHAT ARE YOU...
AARRR!!



BLESSED CREATOR! THE THING'S INFESTED!

WORLD MIND'S SOUNDING OFF ABOUT AN ENERGY SURGE IDENTICAL TO THE ONE THAT LANDED THIS GROUP IN OUR LAPS...

...ONLY THIS ONE'S
BIG. REALLY BIG.

TO
BATTLE!

AND IN THE BLINK
OF AN EYE, OVER A
HUNDRED NEW BAD
GUYS SHOW UP.

FORM
ON ME!

WE HAD A FIGHTING
CHANCE FOR TWO
SECONDS.

THAT CHANCE
IS GONE. I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.

WE COME
BEARING GIFTS!
ONE FROM EACH OF
THE WORLDS IN
THRALL TO THE LORD
ANNIHILUS!

THEY ARE THE
CENTURIONS!

THE
LORD ANNIHILUS'
ELITE!

YEEARGH!!

BLESSED
MAKER...

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE
THAT THE SITUATION
JUST GOT WORSE?

NO, SERIOUSLY,
HOW IS IT
POSSIBLE?

XANDAR WORLDMIND NOVA CORPS DATABASE

THE CENTURIONS



SUBJECT: THE CENTURIONS

THREAT LEVEL: GALACTIC

LOCATION AND STATUS: The Centurions are commanded by Annihilus and are wreaking havoc throughout our universe.

RACES: Various

LEADER/POLITICAL STRUCTURE: Dictatorship. Commanded by Annihilus himself.

INDICTMENTS: The Centurions are currently involved in unlawful war and attempted genocide against our universe. Whether they are to be considered merely soldiers in this war and unindictable has yet to be determined by the Worldmind.

THREAT LEVEL (Expanded): GALACTIC

Serving as Annihilus' super-army, the Centurions may have the power to enslave our entire universe. With the Nova Corps destroyed, and the lack of power in the United Front, it will likely take a galactic army to stop the Centurions.

CONTAINMENT & REHABILITATION PROCEDURES:

All normal containment procedures are dismissed during times of intergalactic war. Execution on-site is deemed an acceptable solution by the Worldmind.

It is rumored some of The Centurions are fighting alongside Annihilus against their will, perhaps by physical or psychological coercion. If it was possible to convince these soldiers to join the United Front's side, their abilities and knowledge of Annihilus and their fellow Centurions would be significant. Whenever possible, any and all Centurions should be telepathically scanned for information pertaining to Annihilus and our universe's inadvertent role in the impending destruction of the Negative Zone.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Various

The Centurions have a wide range of physical, mental, and otherworldly powers, none of which have been sufficiently catalogued by the Worldmind.

BACKGROUND:

Possibly the most impressive display of super-powered might ever assembled, The Centurions serve as Annihilus' personal super-army. Made up of 100 super-powered champions from 100 Negative Zone worlds, the Worldmind estimates The Centurions may rival the Nova Corps at its peak and most likely surpass the combined might of Earth's superhuman force.

Not normally regarded as a master strategist, the Annihilation Wave has revealed an Annihilus never before seen—a cold, calculating leader able to rally others to his cause. It appears as if Annihilus, through diplomacy and terror, convinced his fellow Negative Zone inhabitants that they are on the verge of destruction. The threat: our universe. Claiming our ever-expanding universe is on the verge of crushing the Negative Zone, Annihilus convinced hundreds of worlds to join his invading force. It appears desperate times garner unsuspected allies. The most powerful heroes of the Negative Zone joined Annihilus on his seemingly noble quest to save their universe—by destroying ours.

Garbled transmissions from the Negative Zone indicate that some worlds resisted Annihilus but were overwhelmed by the Annihilation Wave and eventually acquiesced.

Now, 100 super-beings, some who may have actually fought against Annihilus in the past, stand side by side with their fellow Centurions, following the orders of a known despot in order to save their universe from imminent destruction. Astonishingly, Annihilus has accomplished something our universe probably never will: he rallied his universe's worlds to a single cause.

XANDAR WORLD MIND NOVA CORPS DATABASE

THE DELINQUENT



SUBJECT: THE DELINQUENT (a.k.a. the Infant Terrible)

THREAT LEVEL: PLANETARY

LOCATION: Elanis, Beta Scorpi system of the Milky Way.

INDICTMENTS: Reality-tampering on a universal scale. Sentence pending due to relative infancy at the time of committed crimes.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Milky Way Galaxy.

THREAT LEVEL: (Expanded): PLANETARY

The Delinquent has the ability to complete reshape matter as he sees fit. His powers are vast and precise. All he need do is think of his desired effect and it comes to pass. The range of his power

appears to be nearly unlimited. He may prove to be limited only by his own imagination. Previously, it was a mere temper tantrum that set him off against the planet Earth. If his power is truly harnessed and he is given focus, the Worldmind may upgrade his threat level. Until then, the Worldmind does not condone lethal force.

CONTAINMENT & REHABILITATION PROCEDURES:

Since The Delinquent is not an overtly hostile menace, the Worldmind does not condone lethal force unless his reality manipulation threatens a planet's existence.

Addendum: It is possible the Infant has aged. Since the Elan have rarely been seen in the universe, the Worldmind has no knowledge of the race's life cycle. It could be decades or mere days before this being achieves adulthood. If and when this happens the Worldmind will reassess its approach protocols.

NATURAL ABILITIES:

Reality Manipulation:

The Delinquent is able to alter reality on a large, perhaps even planetary scale. This includes the ability to transmute elements, rearrange and animate molecules, and move objects at planetary ranges. The exact extent of his abilities has not been calculated.

Energy Blasts:

Like all Elan, The Infant Terrible has antennae which can generate a powerful energy blast capable of stunning, disintegrating or destroying most animate and inanimate objects.

BACKGROUND:

The Infant Terrible, and his race, the Elan, were first sighted on the planet Earth. While there, The Infant created chaos by using his reality manipulation powers indiscriminately. Reed Richards of the Fantastic Four was the first to realize the Elanian was, in fact, a child. The Fantastic Four were able to stop the child before he was able to cause irrevocable harm to Earth. Following the incident, the Infant's parents arrived and took him into space.

The Infant Terrible was seen only one other time—again, on Earth, where he battled Reed Richards' son and his friends. In that encounter, he lost one of his antennae before leaving Earth a second time.

If the Infant Terrible were to resurface, it is uncertain what the end results would yield. In his current state, he appears to have no concept of responsibility or control over his powers beyond responding to his emotional whims. While a being this powerful would obviously be helpful in the coming conflict with the Annihilation Wave, the Worldmind cannot risk his immaturity with the fate of the universe at stake.

ANNIHILATION #3





VERBAL LOG. NOVA CORPS
OPERATIVE: 11249-44396/
RICHARD RIDER.

I LIVED THROUGH IT.
THAT YOU'RE LISTENING TO
THIS IS PROOF I SURVIVED.

I'M TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER HOW
IT ALL WENT SO WRONG SO FAST. I
REMEMBER DRAX STABBING THE
DELINQUENT ABOUT THREE DOZEN
TIMES--LOVE THAT GUY. LOSING'S
NEVER EASY AND WE LOST--*BIG-TIME*.

BUT I'M
GETTING AHEAD
OF MYSELF...

DESPERATE MEASURES



TELEPORTATION TECH WAS A BIG PART OF THE ANNIHILATION WAVE. THEY JUST APPEARED RIGHT ON TOP OF US BEFORE WE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING. HOW DO YOU FIGHT AN ENEMY WHO CAN COME AND GO AT WILL? TALK ABOUT REDEFINING "HIT AND RUN."

TELEPORTATION. THAT HAD TO COME FROM THANOS. THEY CALL HIM THE MAD TITAN, BUT HE'S NOT INSANE, HE'S THE STRICT DEFINITION OF EVIL GENIUS. AND HE'S NOT EVEN OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM...



TO HEAR DRAX TELL IT, DELINQUENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD A HUNDRED TIMES OVER.



I JUST WISH DRAX COULD HAVE TAKEN HIM DOWN BEFORE HE BREACHED OUR PERIMETER.



HE CAME CLOSE, BUT MY DAD ALWAYS SAID THAT "CLOSE ONLY COUNTS WITH HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES."



WE WERE DUG IN AND WE WERE HOLDING THEM. WE WERE THAT CLOSE TO ACTUALLY DRIVING THEM BACK. THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN... "CLOSE."



HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES...

GOOD CALL, DAD.





IN A WAY,
IT WAS SIMPLY...
ASTONISHING.

COMPLETE. TOTAL. UTTER.
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH
WORDS TO DESCRIBE THIS
LEVEL OF DEVASTATION.



BLESSED
CREATOR! IS THAT
A SKRULL?

TAKE HIM,
MARI! I CANNOT
FIGHT AND
PROTECT HIM!

PROTECT
HIM? PRAXAGORA,
THIS SKRULL IS
DEAD!



PLEASE.



BEHIND
ME! GO!

WHY NOT?
I'VE SEEN
CRAZIER.



PHYLA, SHIELD PETER IF
YOU CAN. WHO THE HELL
ARE THESE GUYS!?

I DON'T
NEED
PROTEC--

YOU'RE
NOT MAKING
THIS EASY!



HAVE
WE MET?

PLEASE TELL
ME YOU'RE NOT
FLIRTING WITH ME
DURING BATTLE.

PHYLA! I
SAID GET HIM
CLEAR!



PHYLA?
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S
DAUGHTER?

GUILTY.
DIDN'T YOU
USED TO BE THE
STARLORD?

LONG
TIME AGO,
DARLING.

EVACUATE
AS MANY AS YOU
CAN! AND STAY
ALIVE!



DAEDALUS 5 ORBIT.
ANNIHILATION WAVE PERIMETER.

PROXIMITY
READINGS ARE GOOD,
LORD ANNIHILUS. YOUR
SHIP IS CLEAR FOR
TELEPORTATION TO
PERIMETER.

FLAGSHIP, WE
HAVE YOU ON
OUR LOCATION GRID.
WELCOME TO THE
BATTLEFRONT.

THIS
PLANET
STILL STANDS?
WHY MUST
ANNIHILUS
WAIT?



THE PLANET
HAS A RESISTANCE
FORCE THAT--

WORDS?
YOU OFFER ME
WORDS?



LORD,
WE--
AAIEEE!!



TELL ME,
CAPTAIN...





WAS DESTROYING YOUR OWN FLEET NECESSARY?

THE REMAINING FORCES FEAR ME, NOT THE RESISTANCE.

THEY WILL NOT HESITATE AGAIN.

OF COURSE.



WHEN LAST WE SPOKE, THANOS, YOU CAUTIONED PATIENCE. YOU HAVE GALACTUS NOW. WHEN WILL I KNOW HIS SECRETS?

WHEN WILL I HAVE HIS COSMIC POWER?

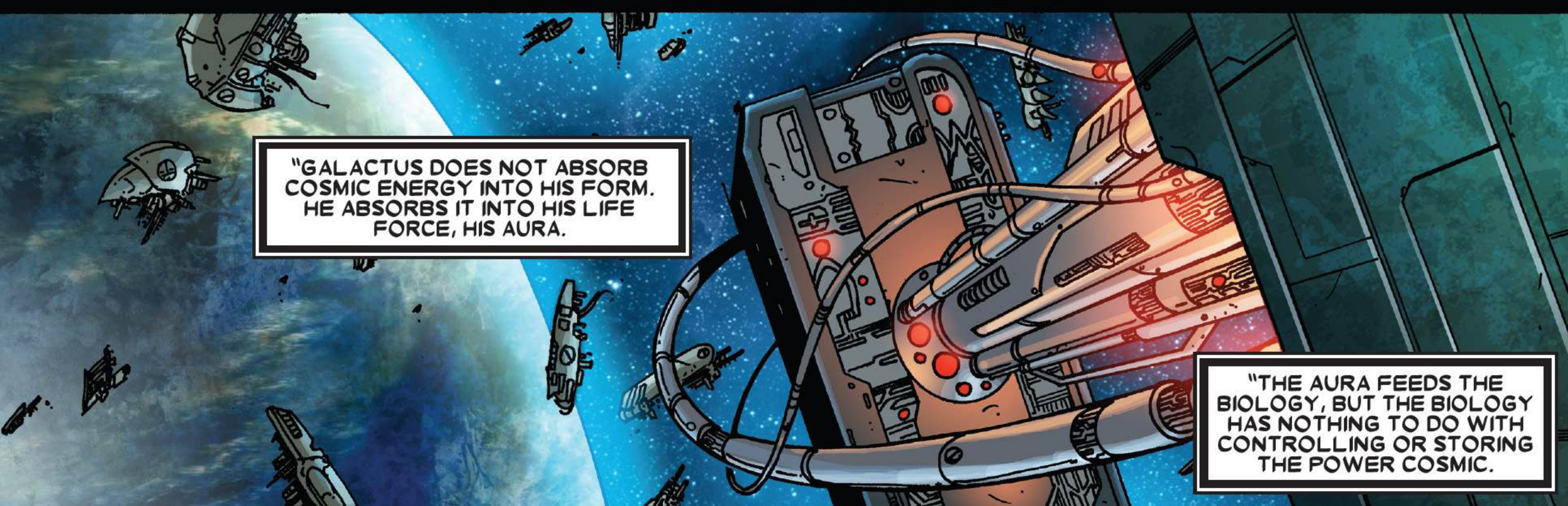
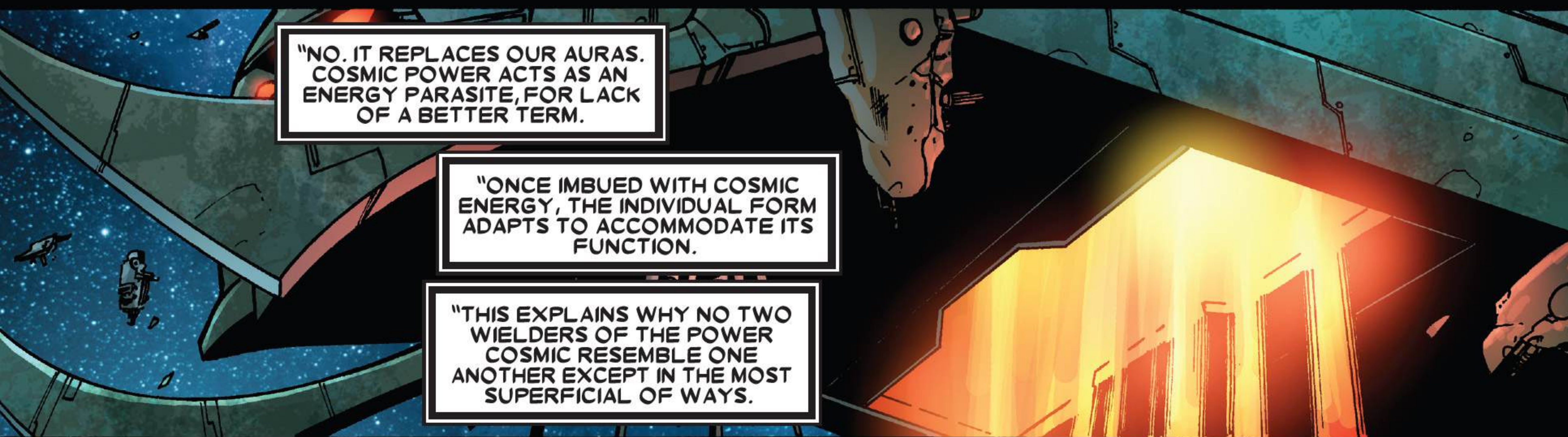
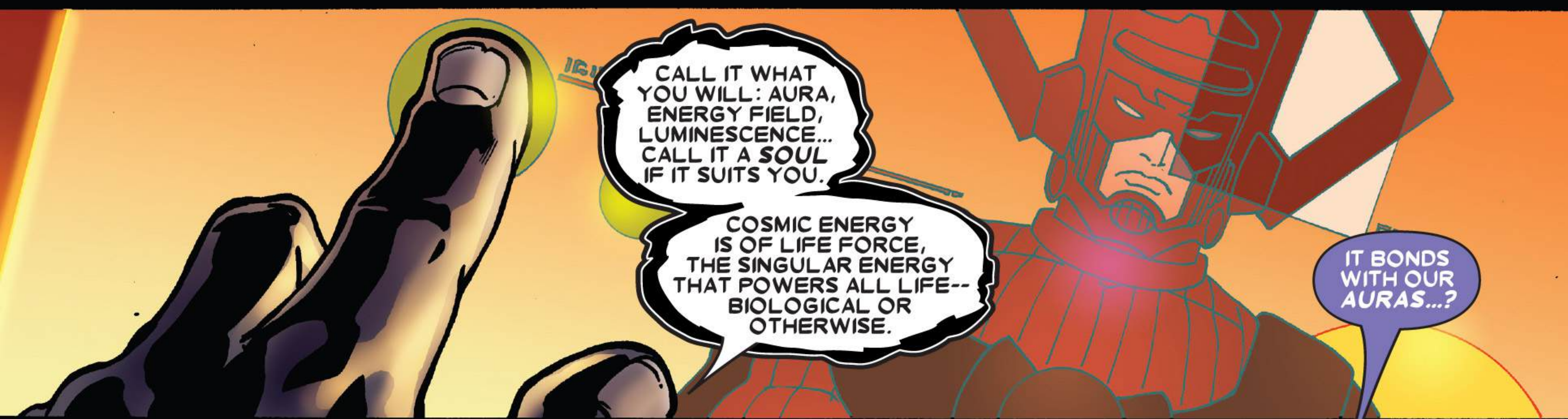
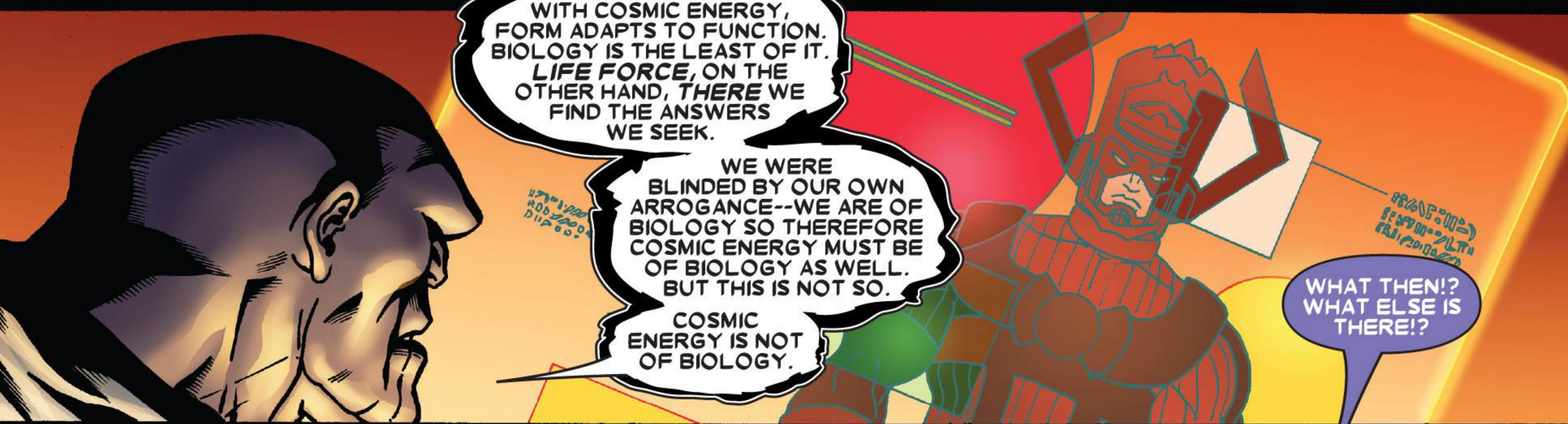


I DETERMINED THE ANSWER WELL BEFORE GALACTUS WAS BROUGHT TO ME.



YOU WILL TELL ALL.

ALL THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...





"I HAVE ADAPTED GALACTUS' OWN PLANET-DEVOURING TECHNOLOGY TO OUR NEEDS.

"GALACTUS' LIFE FORCE WILL STILL ABSORB AND STORE THE COSMIC ENERGIES UNLEASHED BY HIS FEEDING, BUT THOSE ENERGIES WILL NEVER NOURISH GALACTUS' PHYSICAL FORM.

"WE NOW SIPHON THE ENERGIES DIRECTLY FROM HIS LIFE FORCE AND REDIRECT THEM TO YOUR GENERATORS.

"GALACTUS WILL 'FEED' AT OUR COMMAND EVEN AS HE STARVES TO DEATH!



"PERHAPS A DEMONSTRATION WOULD PLEASE THE LORD ANNIHILUS?"



I WANT THESE WOUNDED EVACUED AS FAR FROM THE FIGHTING AS YOU CAN! WE CLEAR!?

YES, MA'AM!



CH-TA-NN!

OF ALL THE--!



A MEDICAL UNIT. ALMOST FITTING. A MORGUE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE, GIVEN WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU. EH, RONAN?

MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE TO ME WHERE YOUR BODY DROPS, RAVENOUS.



CHUP!

JUST COULDN'T LEAVE IT OUTSIDE, COULD YOU, KREE?





ELSEWHERE...

HIYA!



K-KILL ME...
I CAN F-FEEL THEM...
CAN'T RESIST... KILL ME
BEFORE THEY T-T-
TAKE ME AGAIN...



CONSIDER
IT DONE.



HEY!
THAT WAS
MY KILL!

YOU ARE OF
HIGH COMMAND,
NO? YOU ARE
GAMORA.

THEN
YOU COME.
THIS WORLD
IS DOOMED!



THE
CENTURION
TROOPERS ARE
PULLING OUT?

LISTEN
TO ME! HE IS
HERE!

GALACTUS
IS HERE!



WE WILL DO
WHAT WE CAN TO
FORESTALL HIS
FEEDING. THERE IS
LITTLE TIME.

WE'VE GOT
TO TELL THE
OTHERS!



YOU'VE GOT TO GET OFF-PLANET IMMEDIATELY!

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, GAMORA. GET YOUR GRACES GATHERED UP AND RUNNING. IF IT LAUNCHES, RIDE IT CLEAR.

OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT?

GET CLEAR. THEN HOME IN ON OUR BEACON... IF WE MAKE IT.



SHE DID SAY "GALACTUS," RIGHT?

SOONER WE'RE OUT OF HERE THE BETTER.

WE'VE LOST IT, HAVEN'T WE? WE'VE LOST THE WAR.

LET'S NOT GO THERE RIGHT NOW.



OVER HERE!

... MUSCLE-BOUND, BRAIN-DEAD IMBECILES NEARLY BLEW ME UP...

MARI?



BAD ENOUGH WITH THE KREE AND HIS PLAYMATE... THEN FIRELORD HAS TO GET INVOLVED...

WHAT'S SHE SAYING?

IT CAN WAIT 'TIL WE'RE OFF-WORLD-- MOVE!



SOMEONE CARE TO EXPLAIN HOW I WAKE UP BURIED UNDER A MOUND OF DEBRIS...



...WITH A KREE ACCUSER AND GALACTUS' HERALD PILED ON TOP OF ME?

GOOD QUESTION. THE ODD THING IS HOW QUICKLY WE ALL ACCEPTED IT. KL'RT WAS DEAD. NOW HE'S ALIVE. OKEY-DOKE, GOTTA RUN, GALACTUS IS ABOUT TO EAT THE PLANET. PRIORITIES, YOU KNOW.

MARI THINKS RAVENOUS AND FIRELORD JUMP-STARTED HIM. THAT THEIR COMBINED ENERGIES DID...**SOMETHING**. THE **SUPER-SKRULL** IS BACK, BABY!



THE EVAC'S A BLUR. MOST OF WHAT I KNOW WAS FILLED IN BY PETER AFTER THE FACT. WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT FOR EVERY ONE OF US THAT MADE IT OFF-WORLD, THERE WERE A **DOZEN** THAT DIDN'T.

I GET TO LIVE WITH THAT.



MOST OF US HOOKED UP LATER BY WAY OF LOW YIELD SUBSPACE BEACONS. WE DIDN'T FIGURE THE WAVE WOULD BE MONITORING THAT FAR DOWN ON THE FREQUENCY SCALE AND, LUCKY FOR US, WE WERE RIGHT.

ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP!

TOLD YOU SHE'D SEE TO HERSELF.



DRAX WAS DEAD SET AGAINST US USING ANY SIGNAL THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE TRACED. EASY FOR HIM TO SAY. CAMMI WOUND UP WITH US.

DRAX? HEY! WHERE'S DRAX!?





...HE DID IT
FOR HER.



THAT WAS JUST ABOUT IT. WE LOST THE WAR.

WE LOST THE WAR.

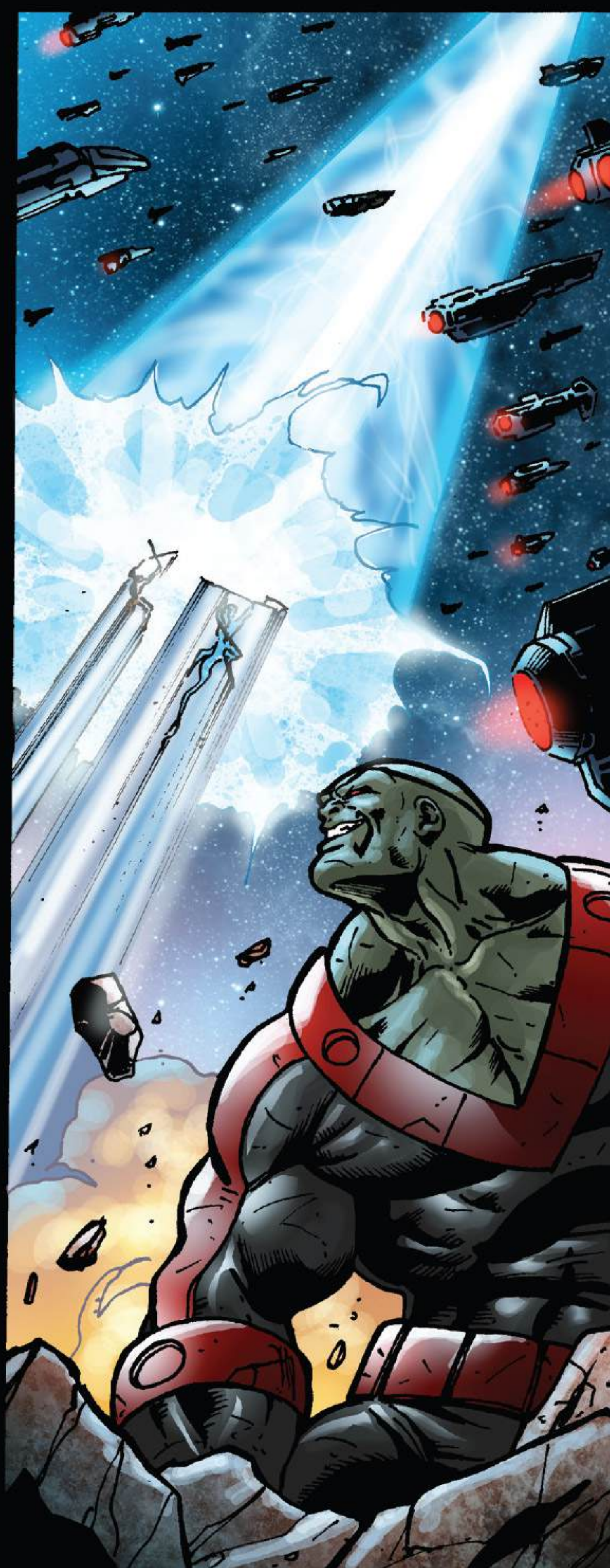
THE KREE EITHER CAN'T OR WON'T DO WHAT NEEDS DOING. THE WAVE HAS PERFECTED LARGE SCALE TELEPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND THEY'VE TURNED GALACTUS INTO A WEAPON.

EVERYONE CATCH THAT? THEY'VE TURNED GALACTUS INTO A WEAPON.

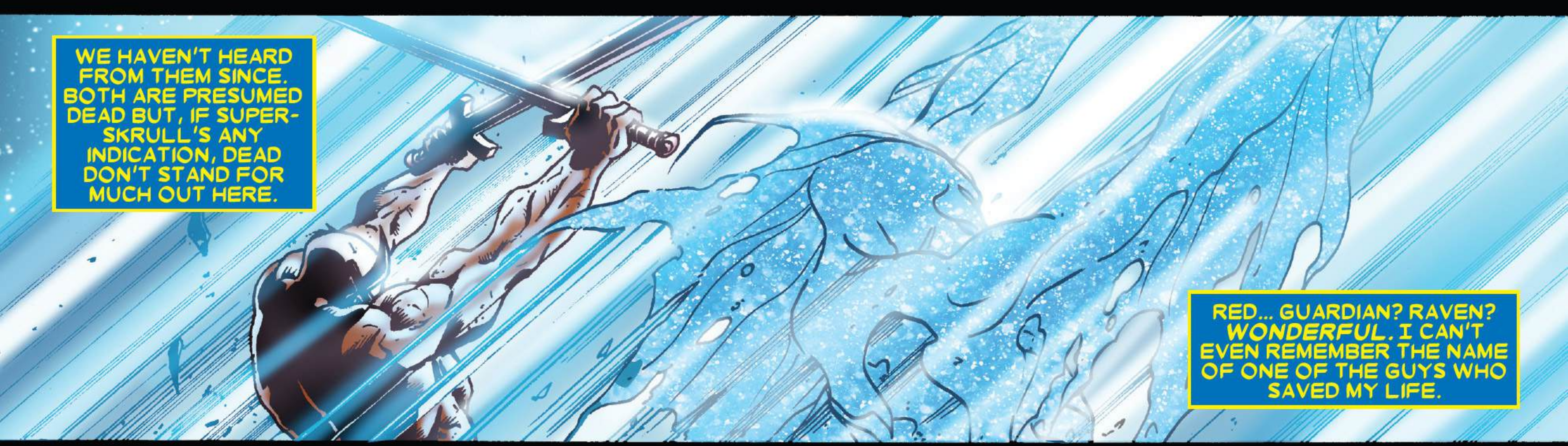


A WEAPON THAT WOULD HAVE KILLED US ALL IF IT WEREN'T FOR THOSE TWO EX-HERALDS. THEY BOUGHT US JUST ENOUGH TIME.

STARDUST AND RED... SOMETHING.



FOOLS.



WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM SINCE. BOTH ARE PRESUMED DEAD BUT, IF SUPER-SKRULL'S ANY INDICATION, DEAD DON'T STAND FOR MUCH OUT HERE.

RED... GUARDIAN? RAVEN? WONDERFUL. I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THE NAME OF ONE OF THE GUYS WHO SAVED MY LIFE.

A full-page comic book illustration depicting a catastrophic space battle. In the upper right, a large, complex spaceship is engulfed in a massive, bright orange and yellow explosion, with debris and smaller vessels being blasted away. A powerful, white energy beam originates from the left, striking the planet's surface and creating a massive, swirling blue and white energy vortex. Several other spacecraft are visible in the scene: a large, sleek ship in the upper left, a smaller ship in the center, and a large, tan-colored vessel in the lower right. The background shows the blue and white horizon of the Earth from space.

THIS IS
WHAT DEFEAT
TASTES LIKE.

THIS IS HOW A
WORLD DIES.



WHICH BRINGS US TO THE
HERE AND NOW, AND PROOF
POSITIVE THAT THE UNIVERSE
HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR.

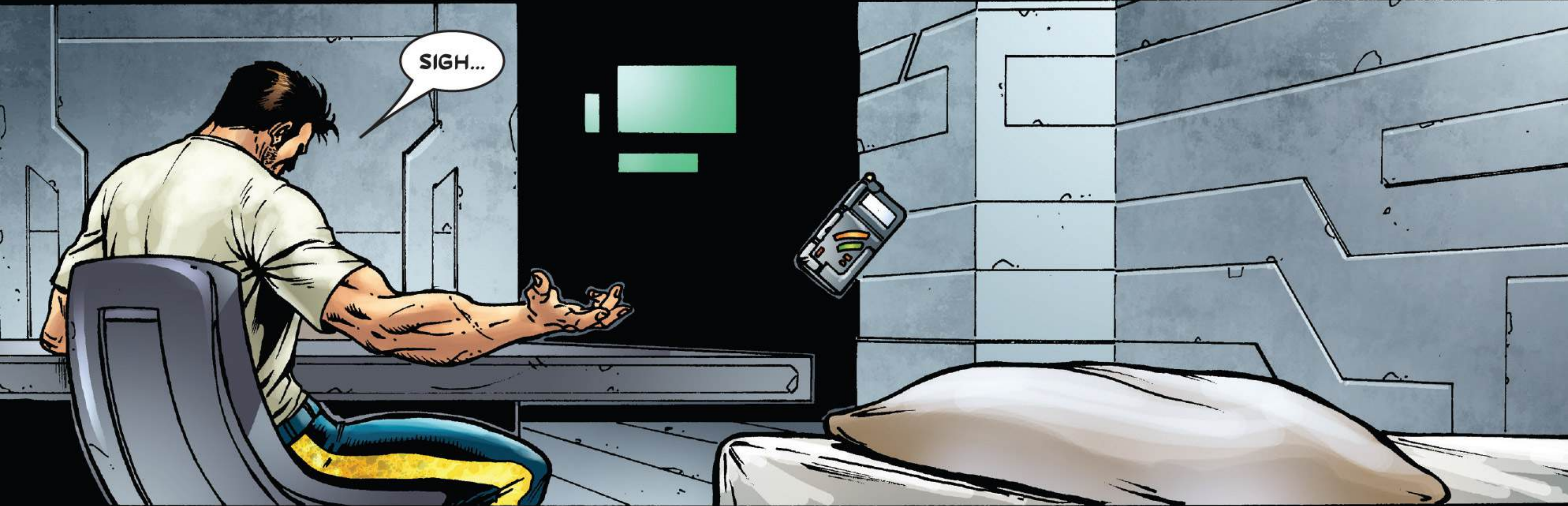
THE RANDOM COORDINATES
OUR A.I. NAVICOMP LOCKED IN
ON PUT ME WITHIN HAILING
DISTANCE OF HOME--THAT'D BE
EARTH, IF YOU DON'T KNOW.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY
SAY, "YOU CAN'T GO
HOME AGAIN," NOT YET,
ANYWAY...



NOT YET. THE WAR MAY
BE LOST BUT WE'RE GOING
TO KEEP ON FIGHTING ANY
WAY WE CAN. TOO MANY
DEAD TO HONOR.

AND ON THAT
HAPPY NOTE...



SIGH...



RONAN
WANTS TO TAKE
DOWN HOUSE
FIYERO.

WE LOST HALF THE
UNITED FRONT, DRAX,
THE HERALDS...WE'RE
IN NO SHAPE TO GO UP
AGAINST THE KREE,
EVEN IF THEY ARE
DIMINISHED.



HE
WANTS TO GO
ALONE.

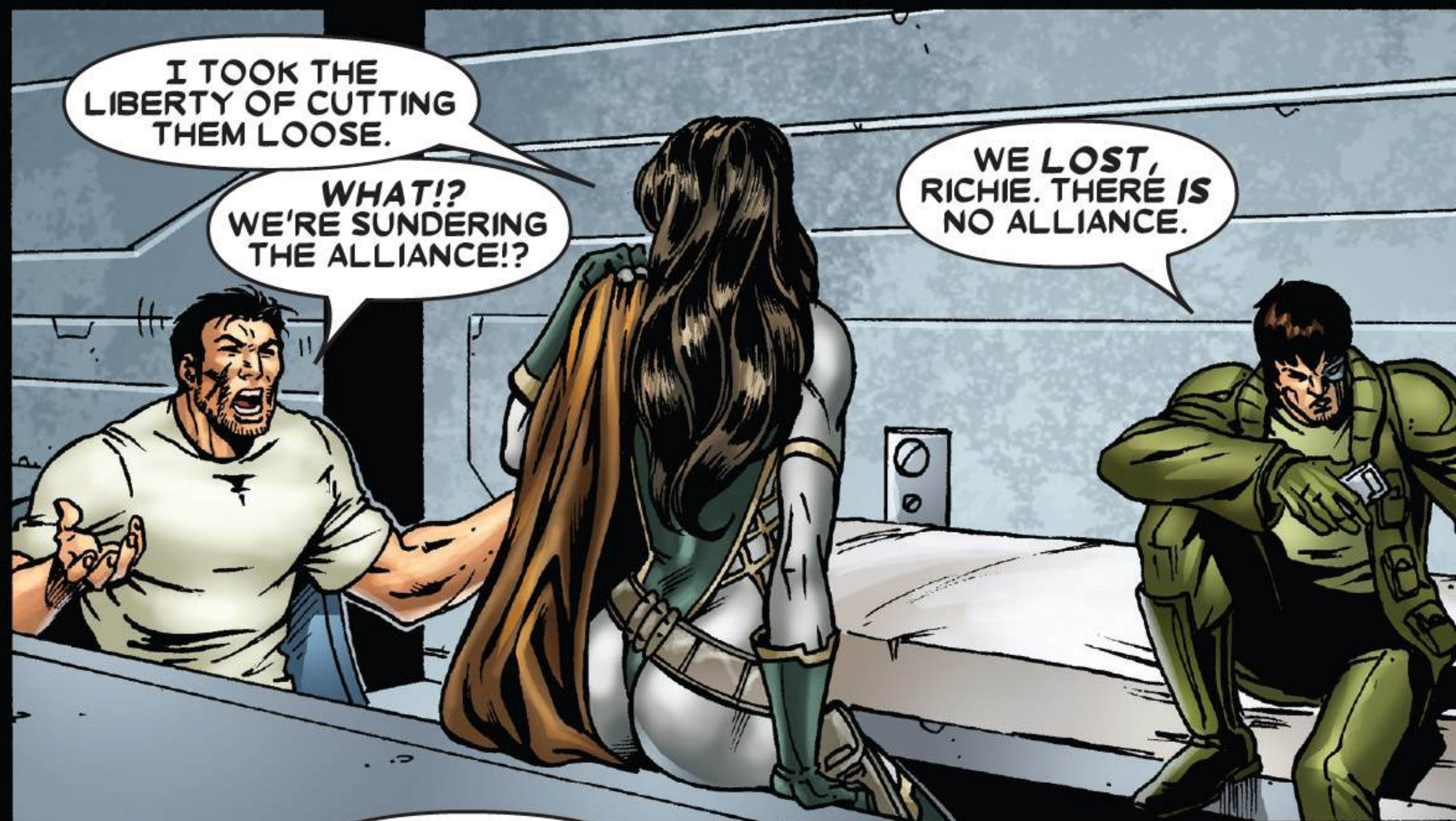
SERIOUSLY?



WEIRD THING
IS, SUPER-SKRULL
WANTS TO GO WITH
HIM. THE PRAXAGORA
FEMALE, TOO.

NOT SO WEIRD.
GOING MEANS KILLING
KREE. SKRULLS LOVE
KILLING KREE.

RONAN
MUST BE
THRILLED.





WHAT? YOU WERE EXPECTING A GOODBYE KISS?

WHICH PART OF "MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN IN THE GALAXY" DIDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND?



I'M THINKING YOUR LOG-UNIT COULD BE PUT TO GOOD USE.

YEAH, I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.



A LITTLE FOREWARNING GOES A LONG WAY. MIGHT GIVE THEM A FIGHTING CHANCE.

AVENGERS?

FANTASTIC FOUR. RICHARDS HAS ACCESS TO THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

GOOD CALL.



WHEN I WAS A KID, I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY THE ALLIES DIDN'T JUST ASSASSINATE HITLER. TAKE OUT THE HEAD TO KILL THE BODY.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

NOT IF I MAKE IT MY PRIMARY FOCUS.

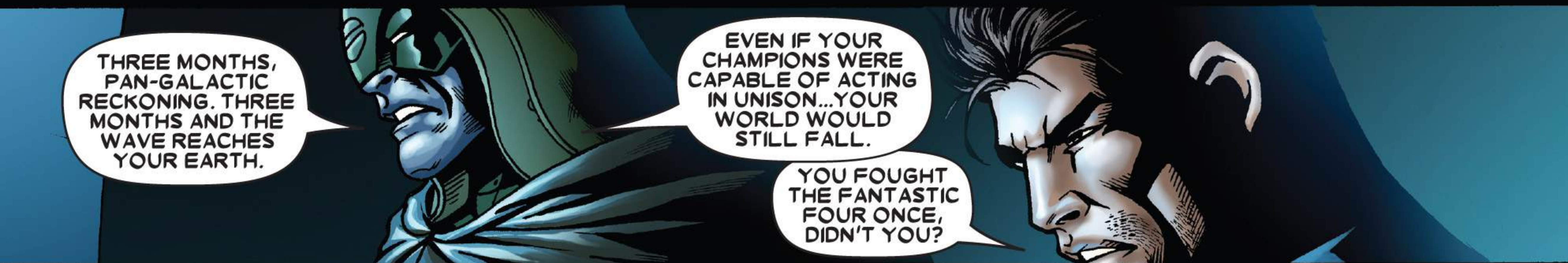


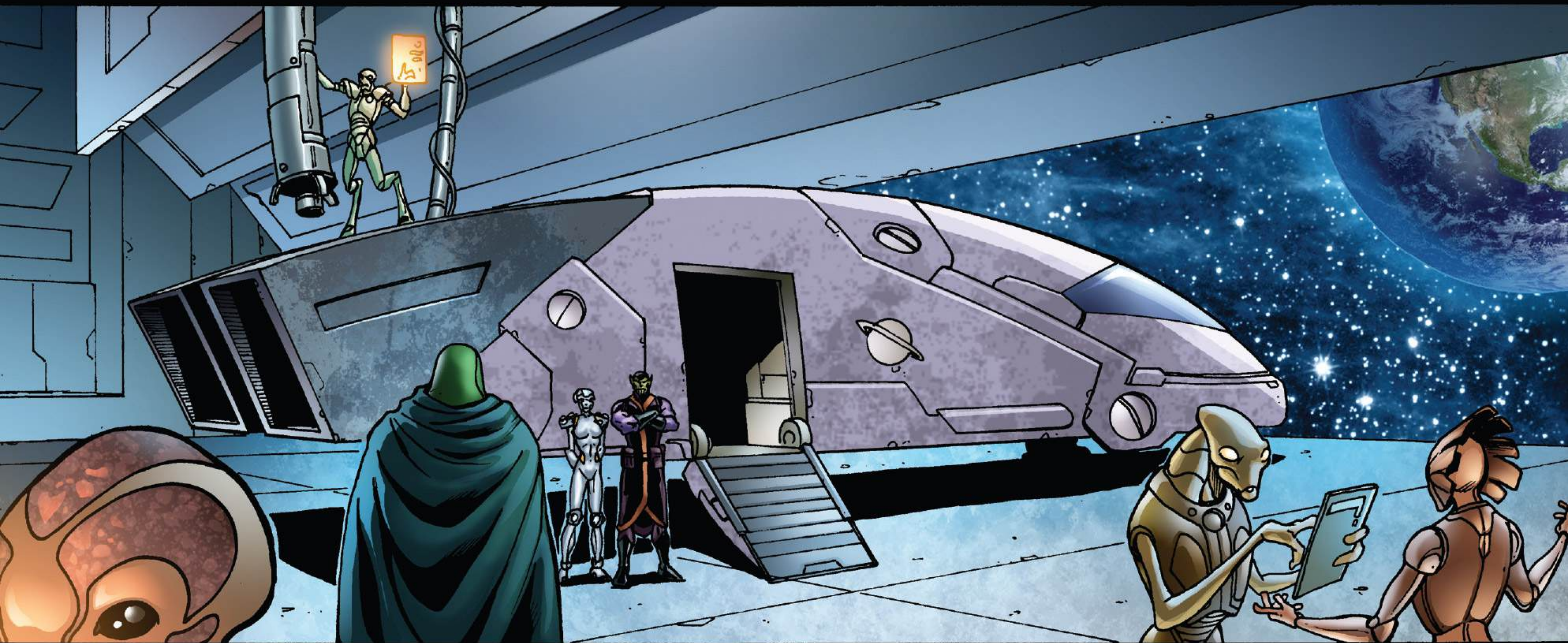
SURE... KILL THE HEAD... LOOKS GREAT ON PAPER...



WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!

DAMMIT ALL, RICHIE!





ANNIHILATION #4



FORMER SKRULL EMPIRE.
CAUL 7.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 216.

THE ANNIHILATION WAVE TENDS TO ACT AS ONE. THESE INSECTS SHARE A HIVE MIND. NO INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, NO ELEVENTH-HOUR HEROICS. MAKES THEM THAT MUCH EASIER TO KILL.

WHICH IS WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING SINCE GIVING CAMMI AND THE OTHERS THE SLIP AND STRIKING OUT ON MY OWN. KILLING. MORE TO THE POINT...

...KILLING MY WAY TO THANOS.

THANOS HAS BEEN MY DESTINY SINCE I WAS RESURRECTED BACK ON TITAN, GIVEN POWER BEYOND IMAGINATION, TURNED INTO DRAX THE DESTROYER, AND PROGRAMMED TO TAKE HIM OUT.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I AM THE ONLY THING THAT CAN ACTUALLY KILL HIM. SOMETHING THEY DID TO ME ALL THOSE YEARS AGO... I DON'T KNOW WHAT.

BUT EVEN IF I WASN'T TOLD, I CAN FEEL IT. I CAN KILL YOU, THANOS. AND I WILL.

I'D HOPED THE WAR WOULD PUT ME WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF HIM. I WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO PLAY THE GOOD SOLDIER 'TIL THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY AROSE.

THEN WE UP AND LOST THE WAR. NOW I'M ON MY OWN.



CAMMI WASN'T FOOLED.
CAMMI'S *NEVER*
FOOLED. SHE KNEW I
WAS BIDDING MY TIME.



I WON'T BE
COMING HOME.
BUT CAMMI
WILL LIVE ON.



NOT THAT SHE'D SEE IT THAT WAY.
ODDLY ENOUGH, I MISS HER. AND
THAT'S SOMETHING I THOUGHT I'D
NEVER FEEL AGAIN.



NEVER MUCH MISSED MY
DAUGHTER HEATHER.
THAT DISTURBS ME MORE
THAN I CAN TELL.

HEATHER'S MY BLOOD AND
THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN
THE MEMORY OF HER CUTS
LIKE A KNIFE, BUT THOSE
ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.



THANOS
TOOK HER. TOOK
HEATHER.

HE WILL
SUFFER
FOR THAT.



THANOS...

...MY
DESTINY.

KREE EMPIRE.
URUKTA MINOR.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.

"THE INITIAL SCOURING
OF THE PLANET CAUTERIZES
EVERY INCH OF THE SURFACE.

"ONCE CAUTERIZED, THE
PLANET ACTS AS AN INCUBATOR,
FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM,
WHILE THE ENERGIES ABSORBED
DURING THE SCOURING PROCESS
BREAK DOWN THE PLANET'S
SUBATOMIC STRUCTURE.

"MATTER CONVERTS TO
ENERGY, MORE PRECISELY,
COSMIC ENERGY. WHEN THE
CONVERSION REACHES
CRITICAL MASS, THE COSMIC
ENERGY IS RELEASED--AND
THE PLANET IS DESTROYED.

"THE RELEASED COSMIC
ENERGY IS HARVESTED--
DRAWN INTO GALACTUS--
AND HE CONSUMES IT.

"A FASCINATING
PROCESS.

"ALL I'VE DONE IS *DIVERT*
THE FLOW OF COSMIC
ENERGY. EASILY ENOUGH
DONE, ONCE I HAD ACCESS TO
GALACTUS' OWN EQUIPMENT.

"GALACTUS IS AS MUCH A PART
OF THE PROCESS AS THE
TECHNOLOGY HE EMPLOYS. I'D
LONG SUSPECTED AS MUCH.

"I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF
CREATING A PLASMA SHUNT.
THE SHUNT FEEDS GALACTUS
A STEADY TRICKLE OF COSMIC
ENERGY. ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM
ALIVE, NOWHERE NEAR
ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM HEALTHY.

"IT APPEARS THERE
ARE CONSTANTS IN
THE UNIVERSE. NOW
MORE THAN EVER...

"...GALACTUS
MUST FEED."

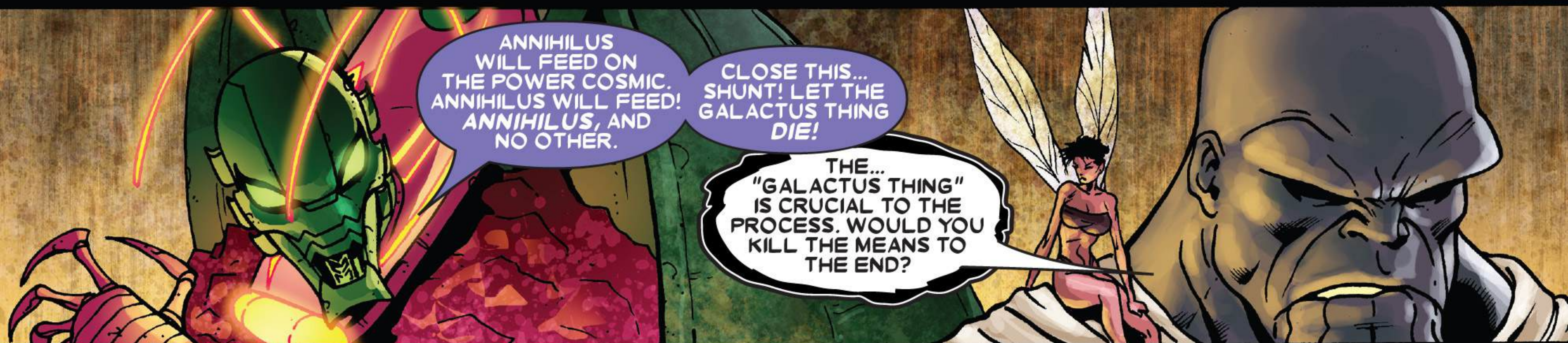


IT WOULDN'T DO
TO HAVE HIM STARVE
TO DEATH BEFORE HE'D
SERVED HIS PURPOSE,
ANNIHILUS.

COSMIC
ENERGY IS
DIVERTED HERE?
ALL OF IT!?

ALL BUT THE
TRICKLE NEEDED TO
KEEP THE DEVOURER
ALIVE AND THE
SILVER SURFER
IN STASIS.

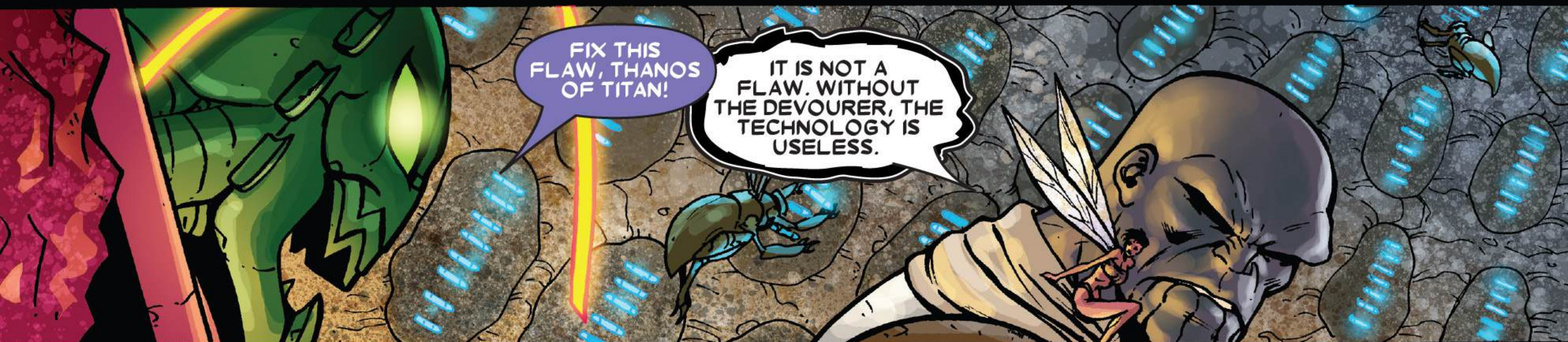
Revelation



ANNIHILUS
WILL FEED ON
THE POWER COSMIC.
ANNIHILUS WILL FEED!
ANNIHILUS, AND
NO OTHER.

CLOSE THIS...
SHUNT! LET THE
GALACTUS THING
DIE!

THE...
"GALACTUS THING"
IS CRUCIAL TO THE
PROCESS. WOULD YOU
KILL THE MEANS TO
THE END?



FIX THIS
FLAW, THANOS
OF TITAN!

IT IS NOT A
FLAW. WITHOUT
THE DEVOURER, THE
TECHNOLOGY IS
USELESS.



SEE THAT
THIS... "PROCESS"
CONTINUES
UNIMPEDED UNTIL
MY CHAMBER IS
FILLED TO
BRIMMING.

KNOW THAT
I AM DISAPPOINTED
BY THIS, TITAN. DO NOT
TEST THE LIMITS OF
MY PATIENCE.



DULY
NOTED.



NOTHING TO ADD,
MOONDRAGON?

I WILL
SEE YOU DEAD,
THANOS.

AH,
MOONDRAGON...
EVER THE
OPTIMIST.

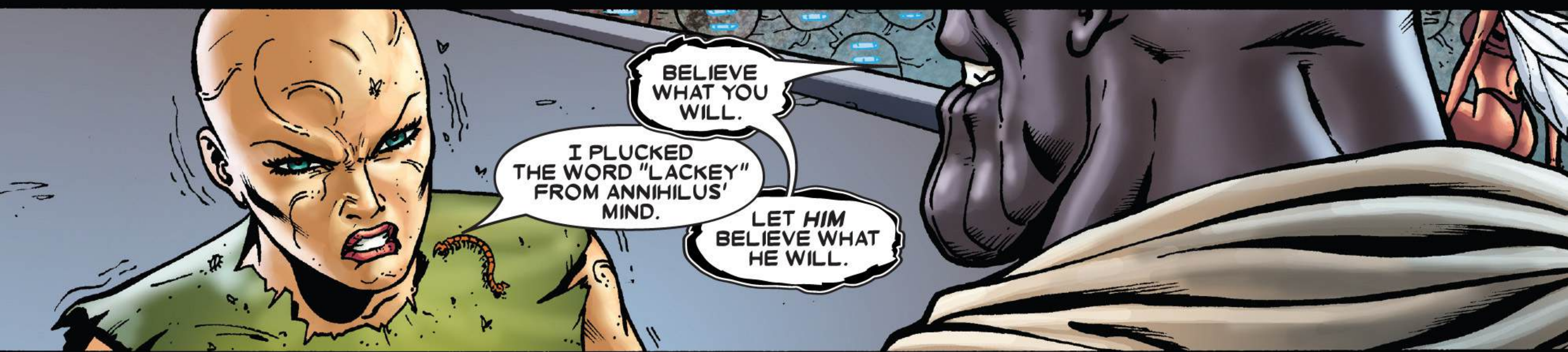


HATES HER! HATES
THE BALDY MOON LADY!
ALWAYS WITH HER NASTY
PEEPERS ON, LOOKING
BADNESS AND WOE
AT US!

THERE. NOW
YOU'VE UPSET
SKREET.

WHEN
DID IT HAPPEN,
THANOS?

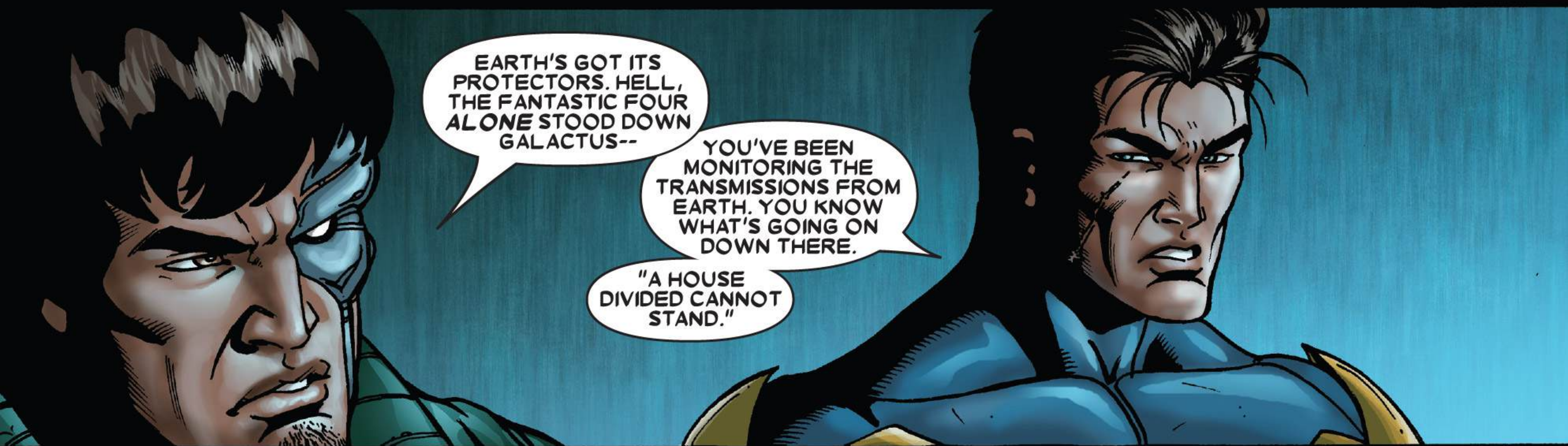
WHEN DID
YOU TURN INTO
A LACKEY?



MILKY WAY GALAXY, SOL SYSTEM.
EARTH.

ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.





EARTH'S GOT ITS PROTECTORS. HELL, THE FANTASTIC FOUR ALONE STOOD DOWN GALACTUS--

YOU'VE BEEN MONITORING THE TRANSMISSIONS FROM EARTH. YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE.

"A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND."



WE HAD A UNITED FRONT AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT US! THEY'RE SPLIT INTO WARRING FACTIONS DOWN THERE... OF NO USE TO US, TO ANYONE! IT'S AS IF THEY'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO BE HEROES!

I'D JUST AS SOON BRING IN THE BADOON.



THEY'LL UNITE AGAINST A COMMON FOE, RICHIE. WE'VE SEEN IT A THOUSAND TIMES. THE ANNIHILATION WAVE WILL--

--RIP THE PLANET OUT FROM UNDER THEM WHILE THEY SHOOT AT EACH OTHER!

I BECAME NOVA BECAUSE OF THEM. I'LL STAY NOVA IN SPIRE OF THEM.



I'LL GET MY THINGS.

HUH?



DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D LET YOU RUN OFF AND GET YOURSELF KILLED WITHOUT MY BEING THERE TO TELL YOU "I TOLD YOU SO"?



NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND...

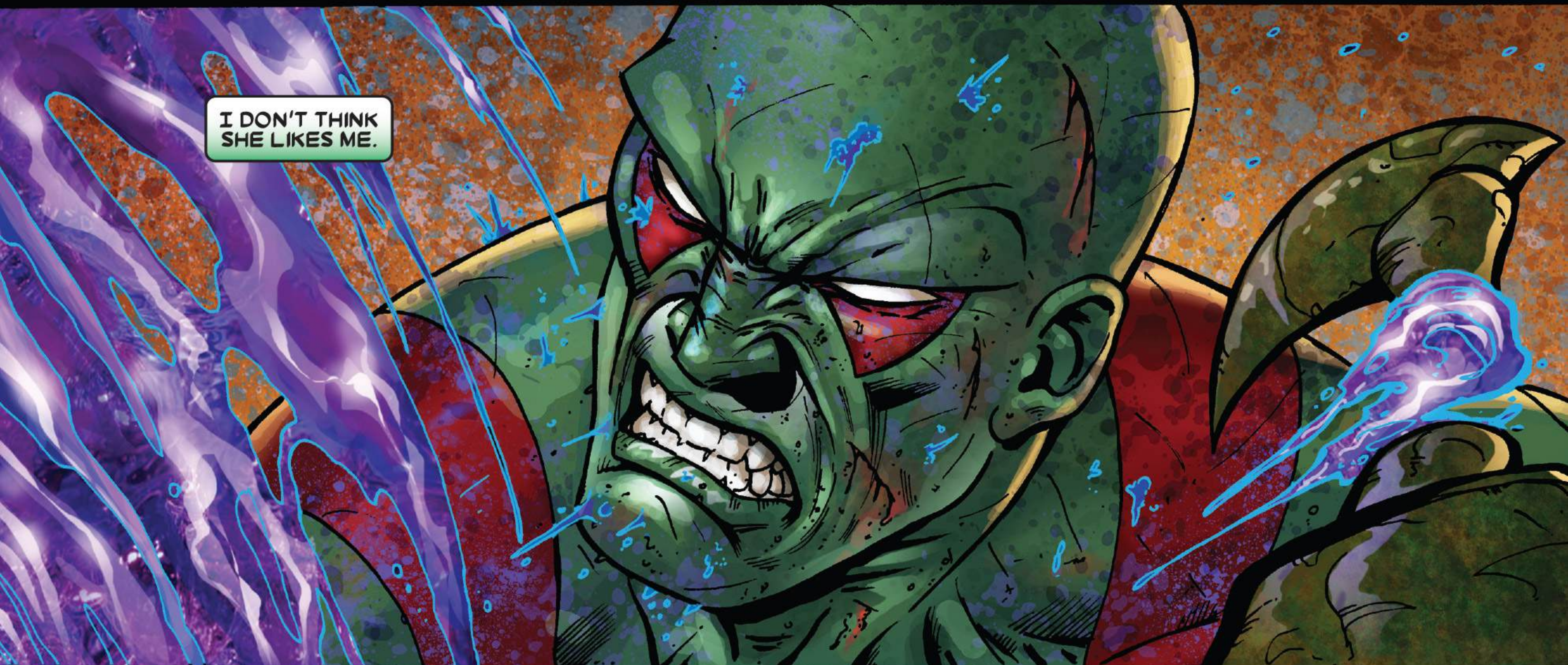


THE CLOSER I GET TO THANOS, THE MORE HE RESONATES IN MY HEAD. UNPLEASANT DOESN'T BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THE FEELING.



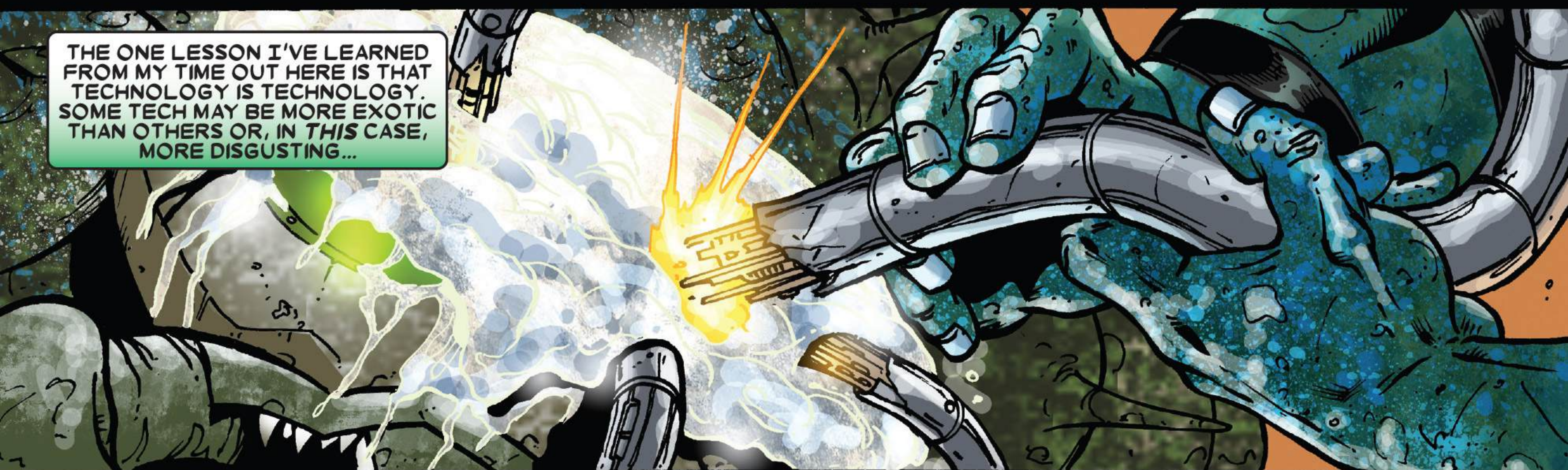
I DRAW WHAT COMFORT I CAN FROM THE KILLING. IT'S NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH.

KILL IT! IT THREATENS ERADICA, MOST BELOVED OF THE LORD ANNIHILUS! KILL IT OR KNOW ANNIHILUS' RAGE!



I DON'T THINK SHE LIKES ME.







"YOU WERE
RIGHT. IT
BUZZES..."

LIFE
THREATENS!

LET ALL KNOW
THAT ANNIHILUS IS
THE ONE TRUE
LIFE-FORM!

IT EXPANDS!
THE OTHERVERSE
EXPANDS INTO THE
NEGATIVE ZONE!

LIFE
THREATENS!

COSMIC ENERGY
SUSTAINS... PROLONGS
THE LIFE MOST DESERVING!
THIS OTHERVERSE...THE
FONT FROM WHICH THE
SUSTENANCE FLOWS!

HOARD
IT! DRINK OF
IT AND LIVE
FOREVER!

LIFE
THREATENS!

THE GALACTUS
BEING WILL BE MADE
THE CATALYST!

LIFE
THREATENS!

COSMIC ENERGY
BINDS ALL THINGS OF
THIS OTHERVERSE...LET
THE GALACTUS CREATURE
IGNITE A CONFLAGRATION,
LET THIS OTHERVERSE
BE CONSUMED!

ANNIHILUS
ALONE
SURVIVES!

THE
OTHERVERSE DIES,
SO TOO WILL THE
NEGATIVE ZONE. LET
THE OPPOSING
FORCE SWEEP IT
CLEAN!

THE
VOID IS OF
ANNIHILUS!

ALONE
SHALL ANNIHILUS
RULE THE VOID...

... AND KNOW
PEACE.



ENOUGH!

YOU IMPLANTED A FAIL-SAFE. ONLY YOU CAN FREE GALACTUS. OR WAS THAT JUST TO INSURE I DIDN'T HIT YOUR "OFF SWITCH" WHILE I WAS IN THERE?

I AM THANOS. I PLAN FOR EVERY EVENTUALITY, HOWEVER IMPROBABLE.

DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?

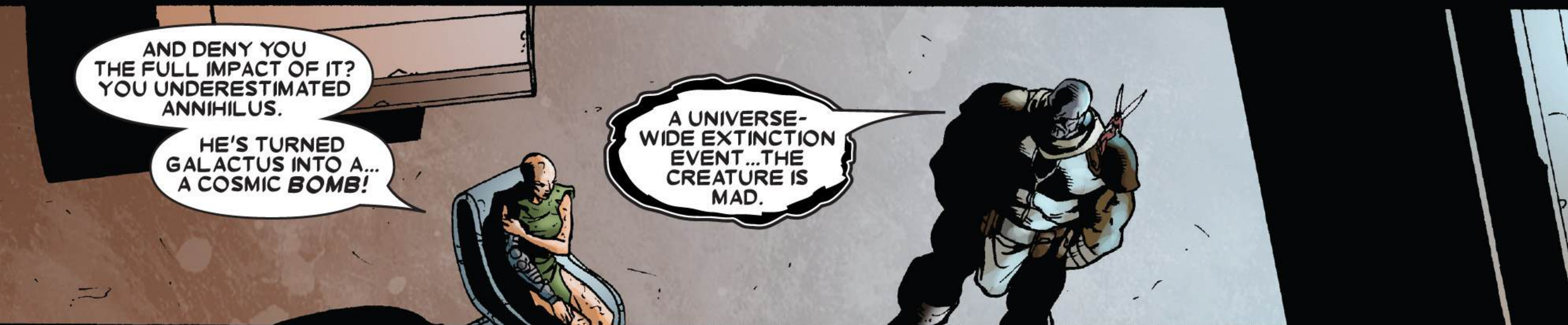
YOU KNEW WHAT I'D FIND, BUT TELLING ME WASN'T ENOUGH, WAS IT?



AND DENY YOU THE FULL IMPACT OF IT? YOU UNDERESTIMATED ANNIHILUS.

HE'S TURNED GALACTUS INTO A... A COSMIC BOMB!

A UNIVERSE-WIDE EXTINCTION EVENT...THE CREATURE IS MAD.



I'M SURPRISED BY YOUR UNCHARACTERISTIC LACK OF FORESIGHT. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HIS NAME ALONE WOULD AROUSE SUSPIC--

I WILL NOT BE DISRESPECTED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!

HNGH!



BOTH UNIVERSES PURGED OF ALL LIFE. THIS ONE AND THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

THIS ENTIRE WAR IS A SHAM!

ANNIHILUS HAS ALREADY WON.





THEN WE
ARE, ALL OF US,
FROM LOW-BRED
BADOON TO HIGH-
CASTE SHI'AR,
DOOMED.



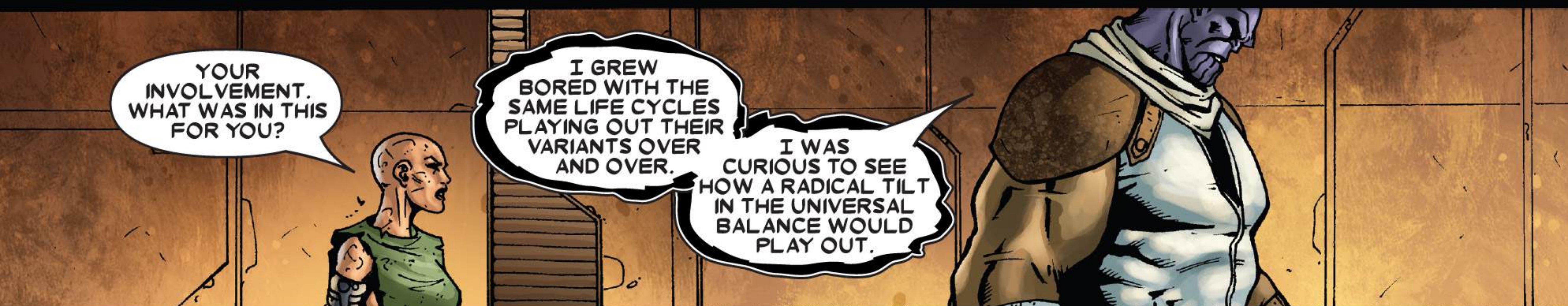
NO. I WILL
NOT ABIDE IT. WHAT
THANOS HAS WROUGHT,
THANOS CAN
SUNDER.

NO ONE
PLAYS THANOS
FOR A FOOL.
THERE WILL BE
A RECKONING...



YOU
NEVER ANSWERED
MY QUESTION.

OH? AND
WHICH QUESTION
WOULD THAT BE?



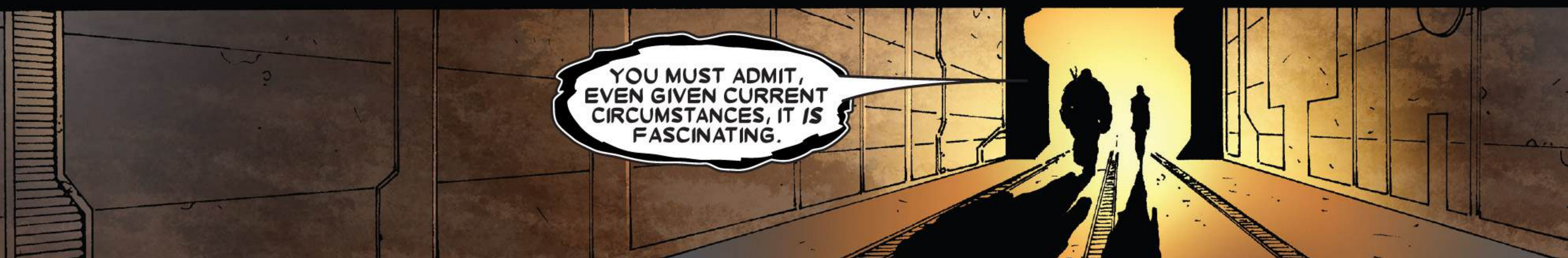
YOUR
INVOLVEMENT.
WHAT WAS IN THIS
FOR YOU?

I GREW
BORED WITH THE
SAME LIFE CYCLES
PLAYING OUT THEIR
VARIANTS OVER
AND OVER.

I WAS
CURIOUS TO SEE
HOW A RADICAL TILT
IN THE UNIVERSAL
BALANCE WOULD
PLAY OUT.



THAT'S
IT!? YOU WERE
CURIOUS?



YOU MUST ADMIT,
EVEN GIVEN CURRENT
CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS
FASCINATING.

VERGE SYSTEM 001.
HANDAK CLUSTER.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.

...JUST ABOUT
THE STUPIDEST
IDEA I'VE EVER
HEARD.

YOUR
POINT
BEING?

I WISH
I'D THOUGHT
OF IT.

ALWAYS
ROOM FOR ONE
MORE, GAMORA
DARLIN'.

YOU'VE
ALREADY
GOT ONE TOO
MANY.

YEAH,
PHYLA.

CAMMI,
I THINK SHE
MEANS YOU.

WELL,
DUH!

PLAY IT SMART
AND IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE A
SUICIDE MISSION.

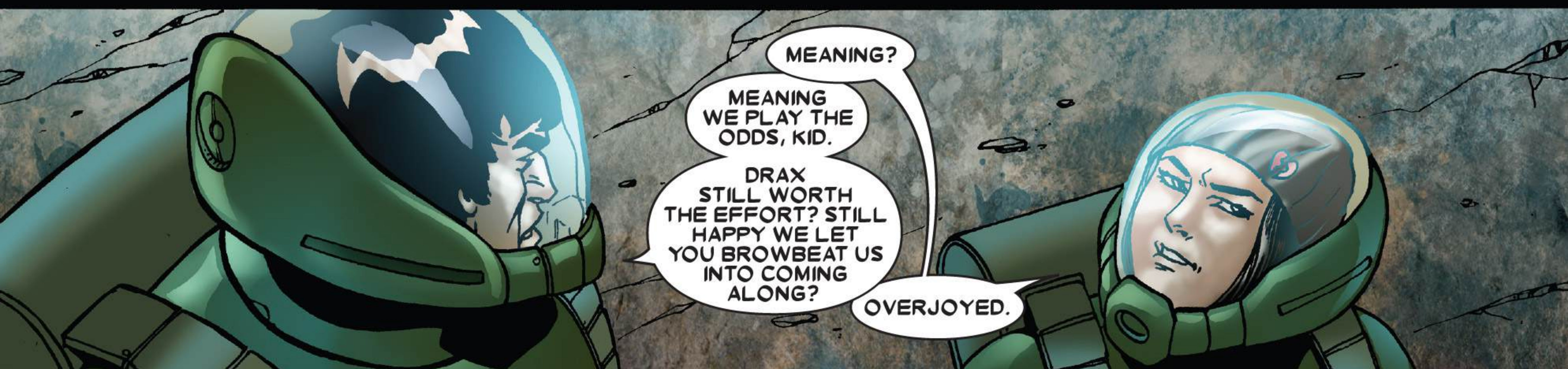
YOUR LIPS
TO OUR EARS,
SEXY LADY.

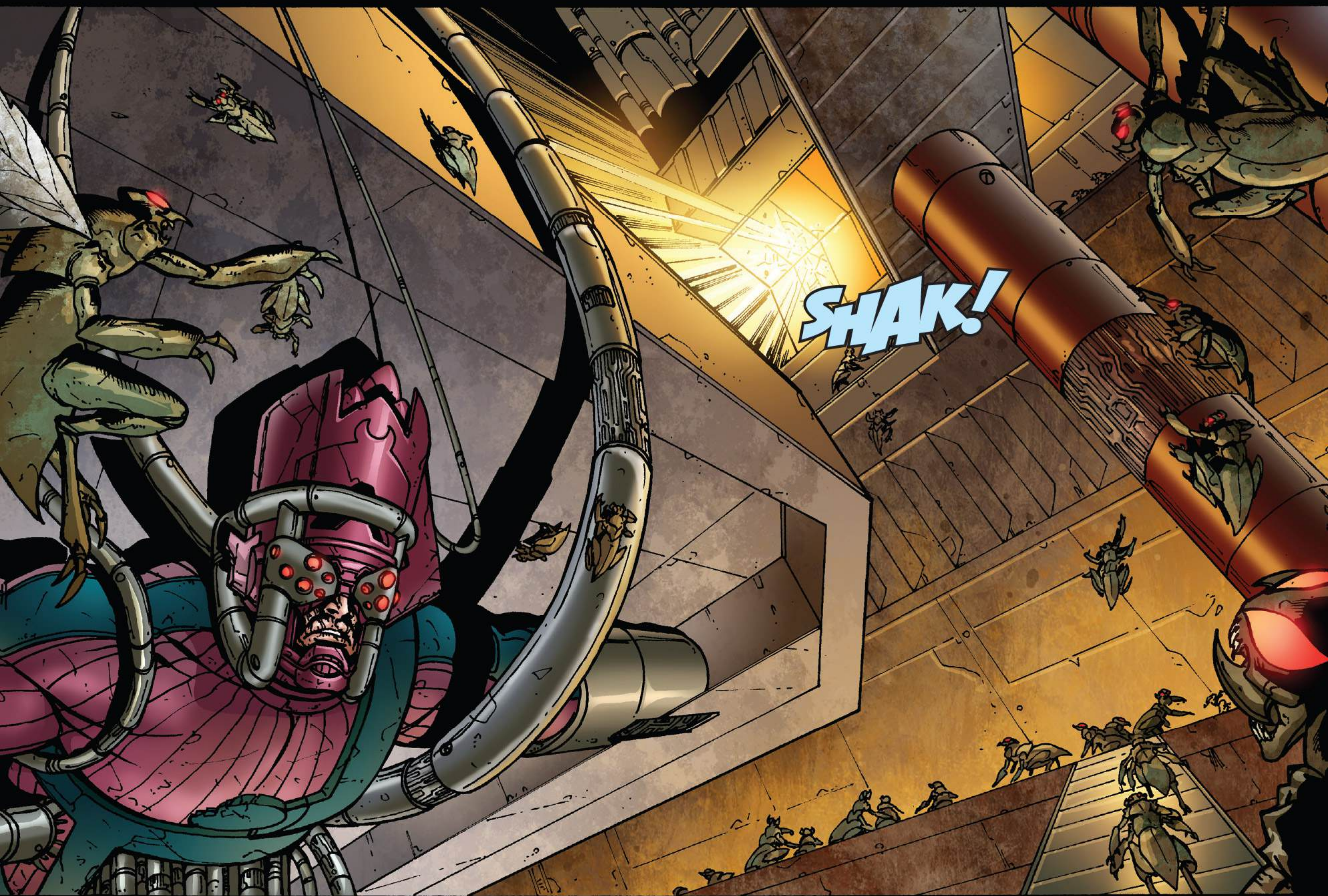
YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO START
HERE, RICHIE.

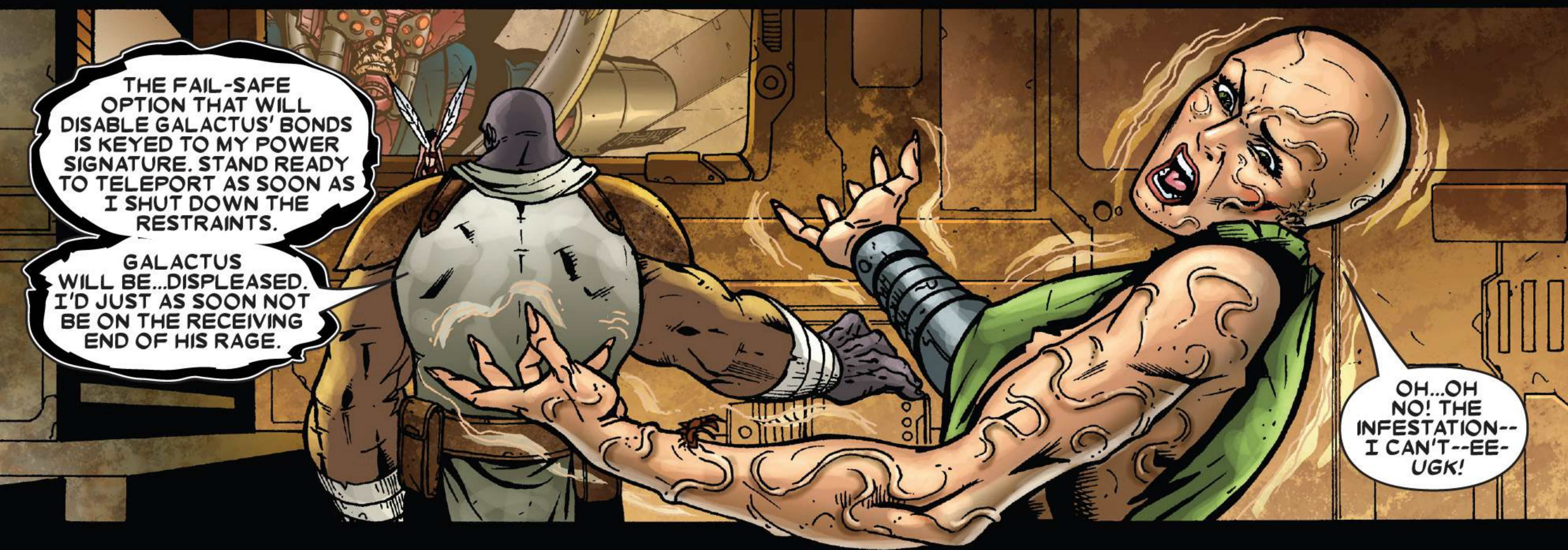
WHERE ELSE,
PETER? THIS IS
WHERE IT BEGAN
FOR ME.

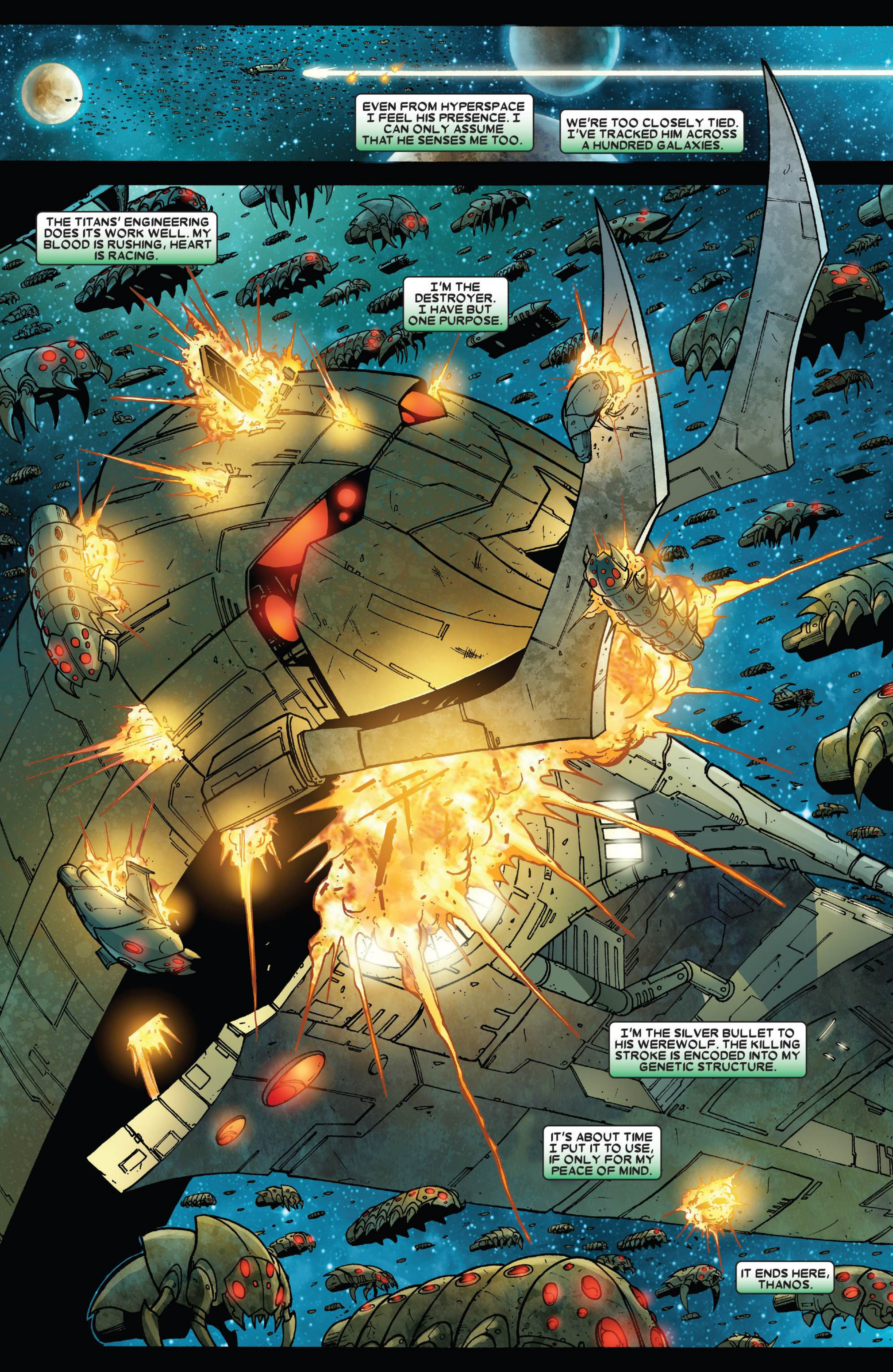
HATE TO BE THE
ONE TO BRING THIS
UP, BUT AREN'T WE
KINDA STRANDED
HERE?

LAST
TIME I CHECKED,
SPACESHIPS WERE IN
VOGUE WHEN IT CAME
TO, OH, I DUNNO...
TRAVELING IN
SPACE!?









EVEN FROM HYPERSPACE
I FEEL HIS PRESENCE. I
CAN ONLY ASSUME
THAT HE SENSES ME TOO.

WE'RE TOO CLOSELY TIED.
I'VE TRACKED HIM ACROSS
A HUNDRED GALAXIES.

THE TITANS' ENGINEERING
DOES ITS WORK WELL. MY
BLOOD IS RUSHING, HEART
IS RACING.

I'M THE
DESTROYER.
I HAVE BUT
ONE PURPOSE.

I'M THE SILVER BULLET TO
HIS WEREWOLF. THE KILLING
STROKE IS ENCODED INTO MY
GENETIC STRUCTURE.

IT'S ABOUT TIME
I PUT IT TO USE,
IF ONLY FOR MY
PEACE OF MIND.

IT ENDS HERE,
THANOS.



YOU'VE GOT TO STALL HIM UNTIL I'VE COMPLETED THE SEQUENCE.





DRAX!
DON'T!

ALL THIS
TROUBLE JUST TO
GET TO ME. SHOULD
I BE FLATTERED?



THIS CANNOT
BE RUSHED. KEEP
HIM FROM ME UNLESS
YOU WOULD SEE
TWO UNIVERSES
DESTROYED.



FATHER!
LISTEN TO ME!
STOP FOR
JUST--



YOU
CANNOT!
YOU MUST
NOT!

ONLY
THANOS
CAN DEFEAT
ANNIHILUS!



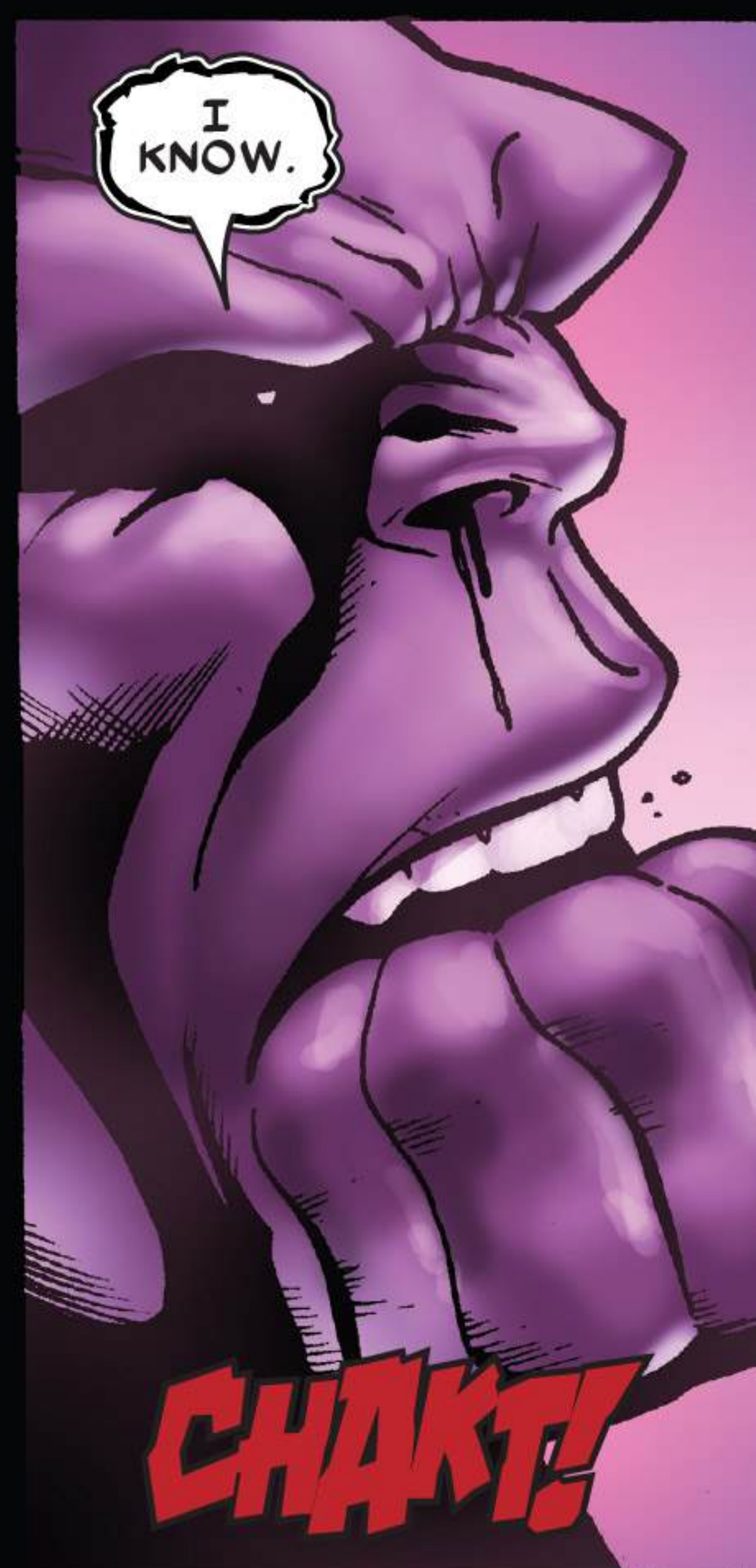
ONLY
THANOS
CAN--

UNGH!

WUNK!



GIVE
ME A DAMNED
MOMENT,
DESTROYER!
I MUST FINISH
THIS.





...
INTERESTING.



DRAX...
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?

WHAT I
WAS CREATED
TO DO.

SHHKT LKKT



IT WAS
KEYED TO HIS
POWER SIGNATURE!
ANNIHILUS WILL
RECLAIM
GALACTUS
AND...

...AND...

...WE
TRULY ARE
DEAD.

ANNIHILATION #5



**CAITICUS PRIME.
KREE FRINGE SYSTEM.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.**

I'M NOT KIDDING,
RICHIE. I THINK I LEFT
A FEW TEETH BEHIND.

BE GLAD IT
WASN'T A VITAL
ORGAN.

IF ONE
MORE PERSON
TELLS ME
TELEPORTATION'S
AN IMPRECISE
SCIENCE...

WAS HE
THIS WHINEY WHEN
HE WAS CALLED
STARLORD?

HOPE
NOT.

DOES
THIS SO-CALLED
RESISTANCE ALWAYS
SET UP MEETS RIGHT
UNDER THE ENEMY'S
NOSE?

LAST PLACE
THEY'RE LIKELY
TO LOOK, EH?



ACTUALLY...
IT MAKES AN ODD
KIND OF SENSE.

NO. IT
DOESN'T.

SO TELL
ME, "NOVA OFFICER,"
IS THERE STILL A PRICE
ON MY HEAD? DOES NOVA
CORPS STILL THINK ME A
PUBLIC MENACE?



CAN THE SARCASM, **BLASTARR**.
OUR ALLIANCE IS TEMPORARY.
OF THIS I'M CERTAIN.

HUH...
THOUGHT I
RECOGNIZED YOU.
YOU'RE CAPTAIN
MARVEL'S
SPAWN.

LET
IT SLIDE,
PHYLA.



HOW
CLOSE ARE
WE?

CLOSE
ENOUGH.

THAT'S
NOT AN
ANSWER.

THOSE
COORDINATES I
GAVE YOU SHOULD
PUT YOU WITHIN
STRIKING DISTANCE
OF ANNIHILUS'
FLAGSHIP.



I STILL
SAY IT'S
SUICIDE.

I'M UP FOR
SUGGESTIONS.

HEY, SPACE
KNIGHT, THAT
ABOUT
DONE?

SET FOR
THIRTY AND
COUNTING
DOWN.



THIS WHAT
PASSES FOR FUN
OUT HERE?

JUST ABOUT. USED
TO BLOW THEM ON THE
GROUND 'TILL LIBERATOR
THERE POINTED OUT
THAT WE'D DO MORE DAMAGE
IF WE TIMED OUT THE
DETONATIONS; SO WE WAITED
'TILL THE BUGGY SCUTS
LOADED EVERYTHING INTO
THE STORAGE HOLDS...



...AND THEN
WE BLEW THEM
OUT OF THE
SKY.

FOR THE
RECORD, NOVA...
YOU'RE OUT OF
YOUR MIND.

YEAH,
SO I'M
TOLD.

I OWE
YOU.



KILL ANNIHILUS
AND WE'LL CALL
IT EVEN.

SOUNDS
LIKE A PLAN.

NO. IT
DOESN'T.

**THANOS' STARSHIP.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.**

THANOS IS
DEAD, DRAX.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE!?

WHAT
ONLY I COULD
DO.

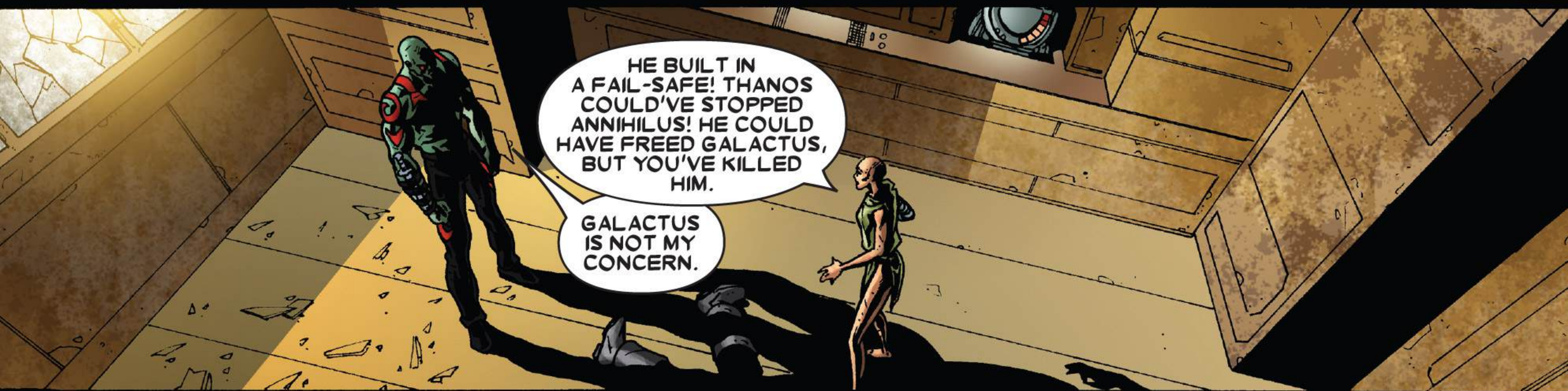
WHAT I
WAS CREATED
TO DO.

ASCENSION



WE SHOULD BE GOING, DAUGHTER. THE ANNIHILATION WAVE WON'T STAY CONFUSED LONG. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE CONTROLS ARE KEYED TO THANOS'S POWER LEVEL!



HE BUILT IN A FAIL-SAFE! THANOS COULD'VE STOPPED ANNIHILUS! HE COULD HAVE FREED GALACTUS, BUT YOU'VE KILLED HIM.

GALACTUS IS NOT MY CONCERN.



GALACTUS IS THE ONLY THING-- THE ONLY ONE--WHO COULD BEAT ANNIHILUS.

WE HAVE NO DEFENSES.

WE HAVE NO HOPE.



FATHER...

...YOU'VE KILLED US!

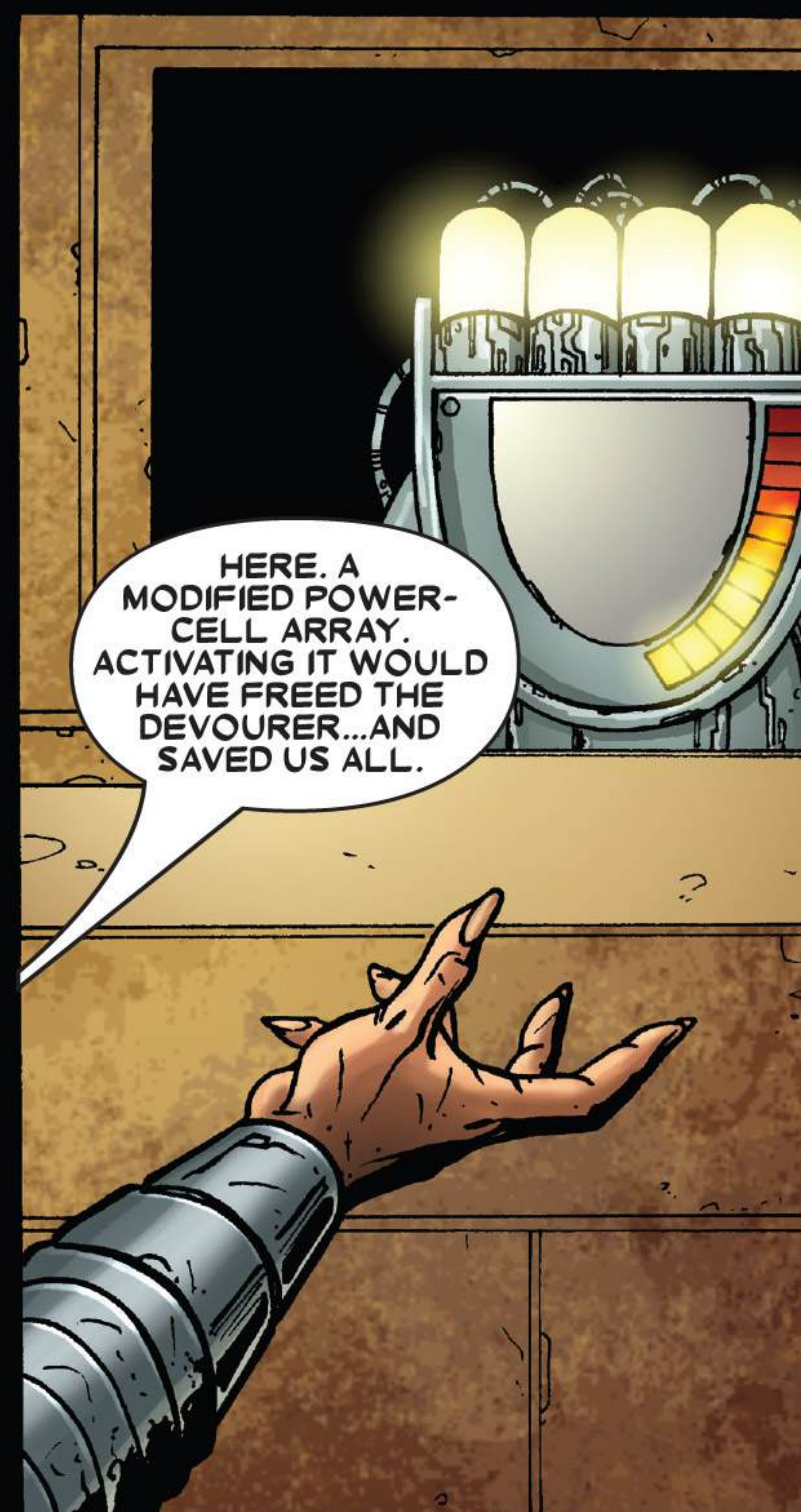
I DID WHAT I WAS CREATED TO DO!



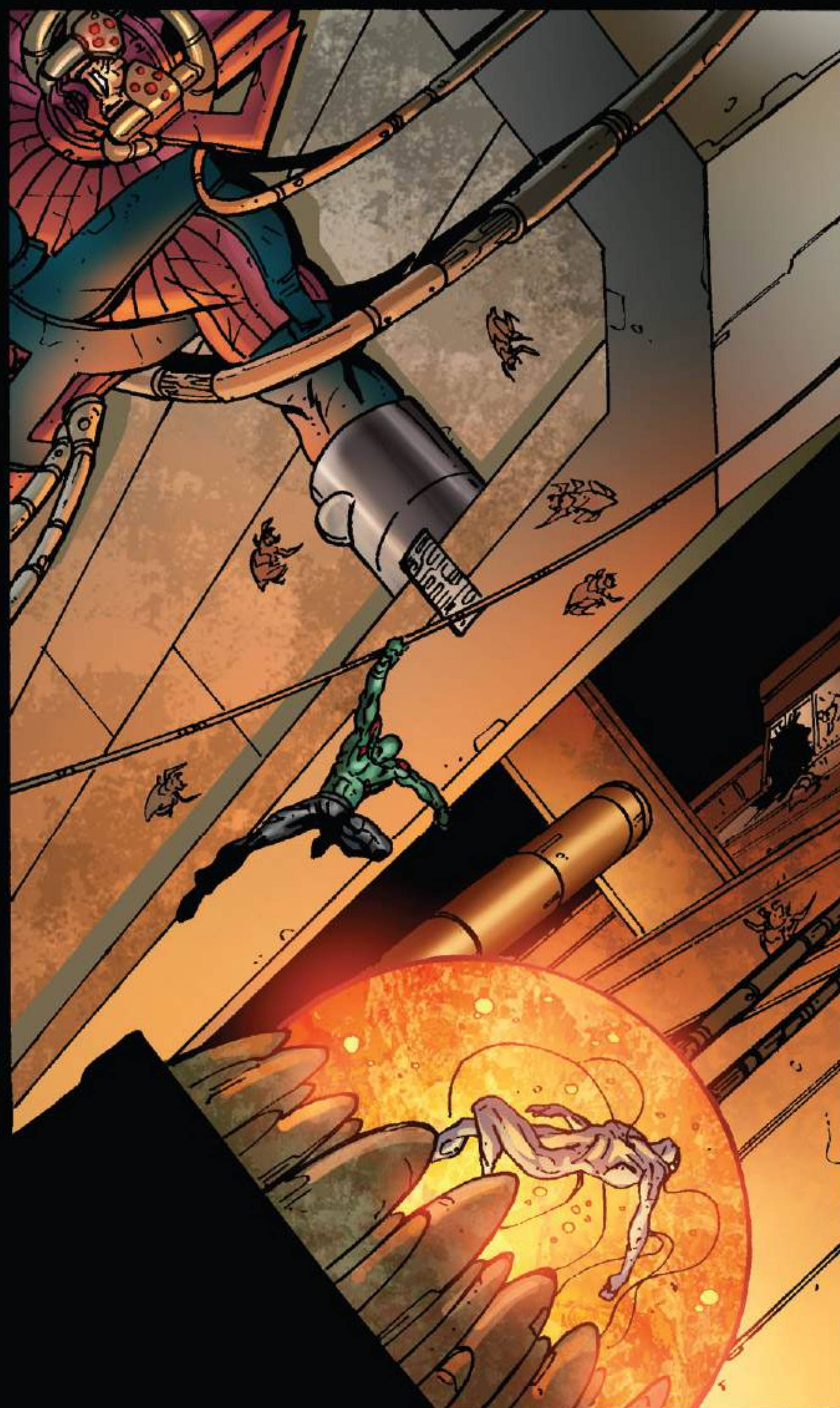
... WHAT WAS THANOS GOING TO DO?

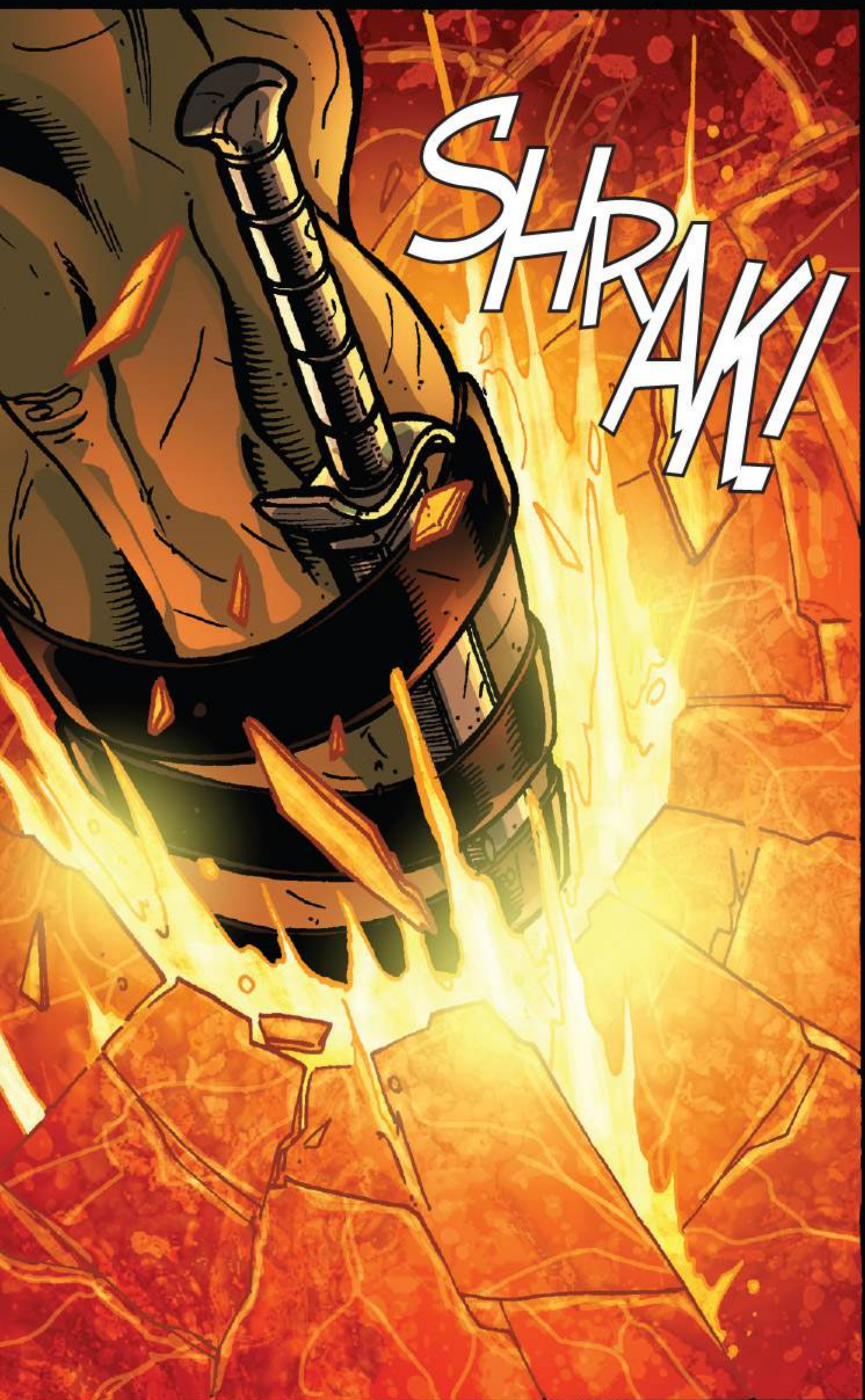
WHAT DOES IT MATTER NOW?

TELEPATHS ARE ALWAYS SNOOPING AROUND WHERE THEY DON'T BELONG. ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DIDN'T READ HIS INTENTIONS?



HERE. A MODIFIED POWER-CELL ARRAY. ACTIVATING IT WOULD HAVE FREED THE DEVOURER...AND SAVED US ALL.





UP AND AT 'EM,
HERALD. HEATHER
CAN'T KEEP THEM
OFF BALANCE
FOREVER.



CAN'T...
TOO MANY...
STRAIN IS...
CAN'T HOLD...
C-CAN'T...

JUST A
BIT LONGER,
HEATHER.
WE'RE ALMOST
HOME.



GIVE IT
EVERYTHING YOU'VE
GOT, SURFER. YOU
ONLY GET ONE SHOT
AT THIS.

TO...WHAT
END? THE SILVER
SURFER SERVES
BUT ONE...
MASTER...



YOU THINK I
ENJOY BEING DEPENDENT
ON THE LIKES OF YOU? I'D
HAVE TORN GALACTUS FROM
THAT RIG WITH MY BARE HANDS
IF IT WASN'T THANOS WHO
PUT HIM THERE.

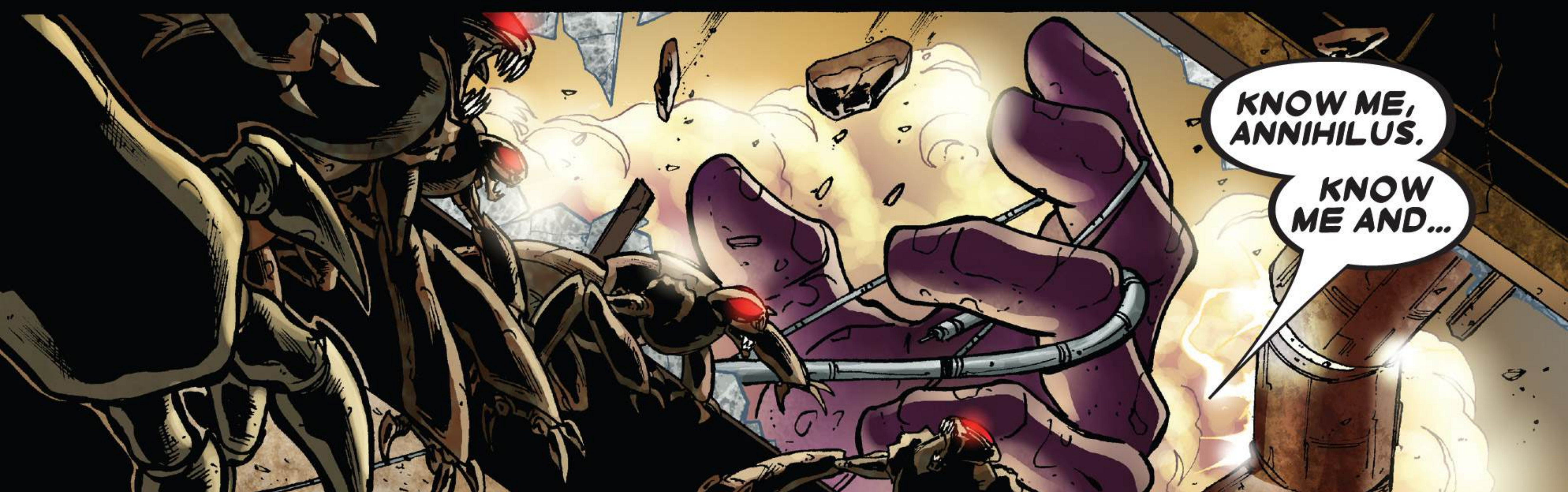
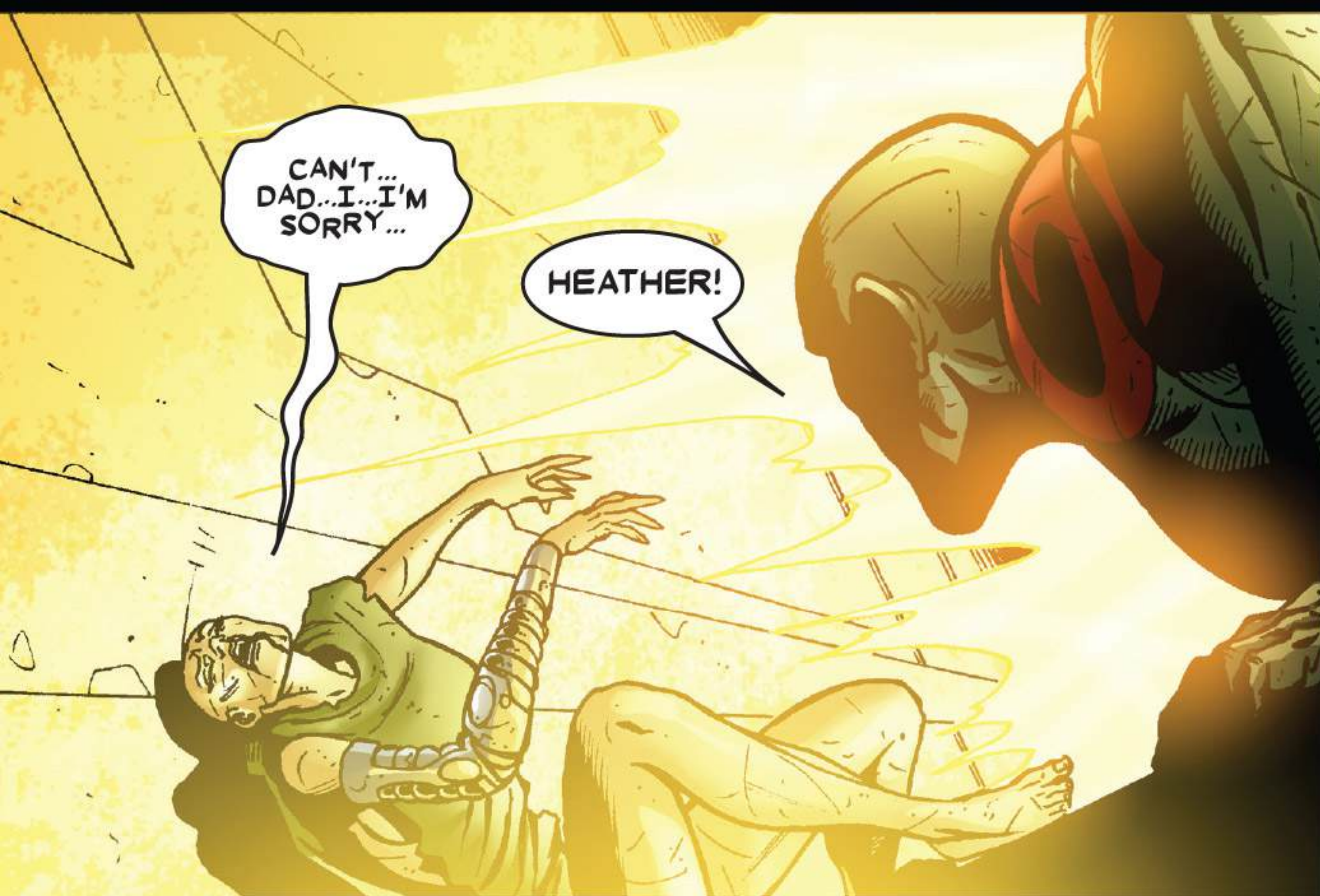
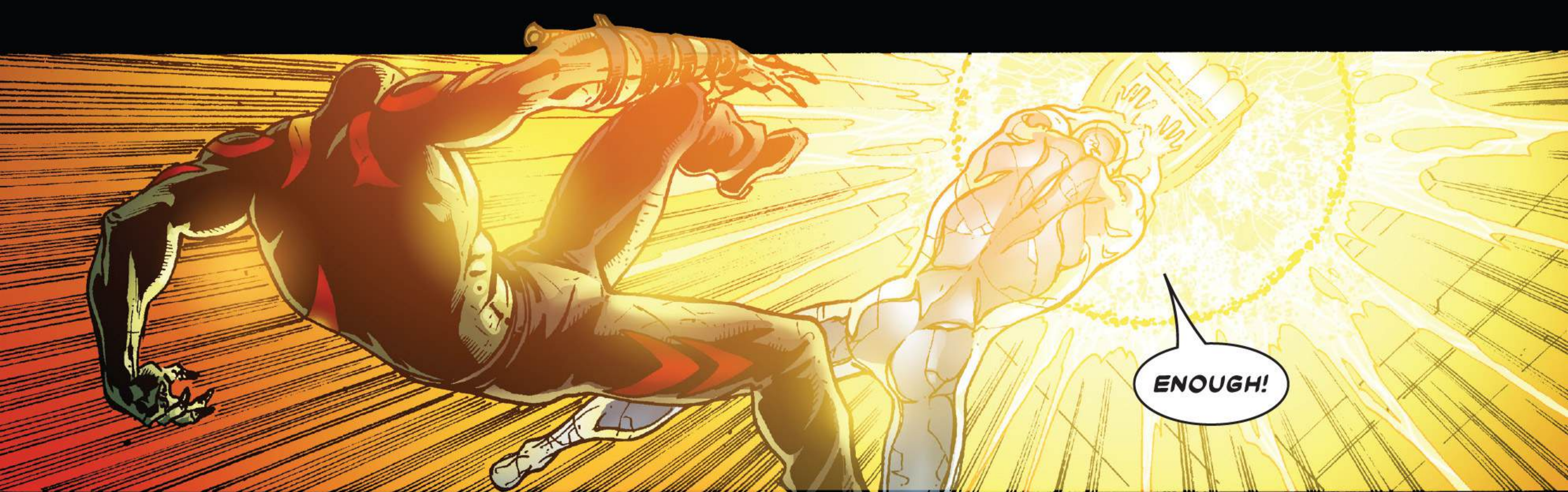
YOU'RE THE ONLY
ONE OF US CAN DO THIS
WITHOUT TAMPERING WITH
THE RIG AND SETTING OFF
WHATEVER NASTY SURPRISE
THANOS PROGRAMMED
IN...

...AND KNOWING
THANOS, YOU CAN
BET IT'S THERE.



YOU HAVE TO
DO THIS, SURFER. REACH
DEEP. GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE
GOT AND PRAY IT'S
ENOUGH TO FREE YOUR
MASTER OR...

...THE
UNIVERSE
DIES.

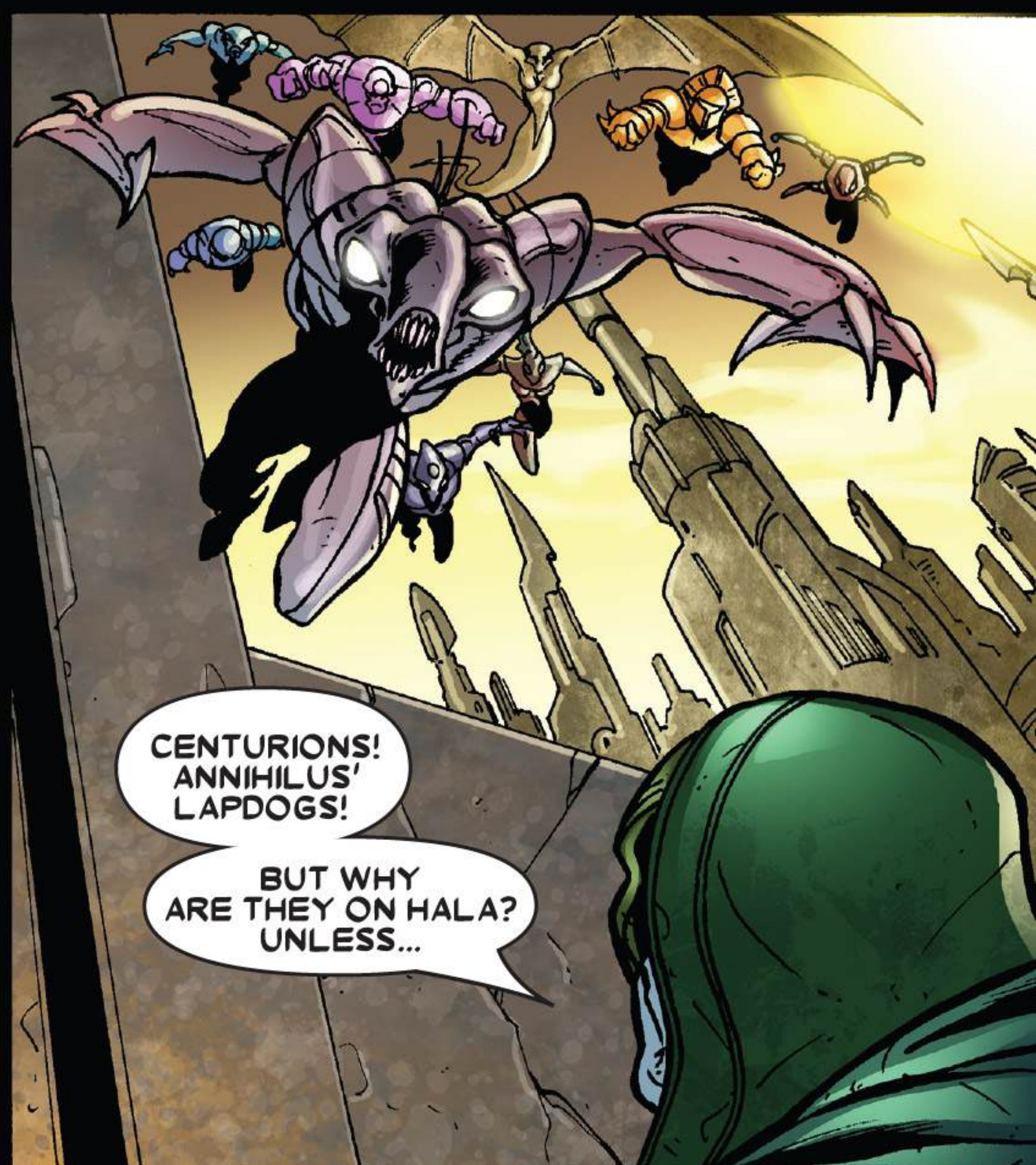


...**KNOW
FEAR!**



HALA.
CAPITAL PLANET OF THE KREE EMPIRE.
HOUSE FIYERO: SECULAR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.





INSIDE THE COMPLEX...

AND NOW YOUR
KREE SOLDIERS KNOW
THAT HOUSE FIYERO
STANDS ALLIED WITH THE
LORD ANNIHILUS.

WHATEVER
WILL YOU DO,
FIYERO?

THEY ARE
ALMOST IN OUR
MIDST, RAVENOUS!
YOU PROMISED
PROTECTION!

TIME WAS,
KREE PROVIDED
THEIR OWN
PROTECTION.

HOW THE
MIGHTY HAVE
FALLEN...

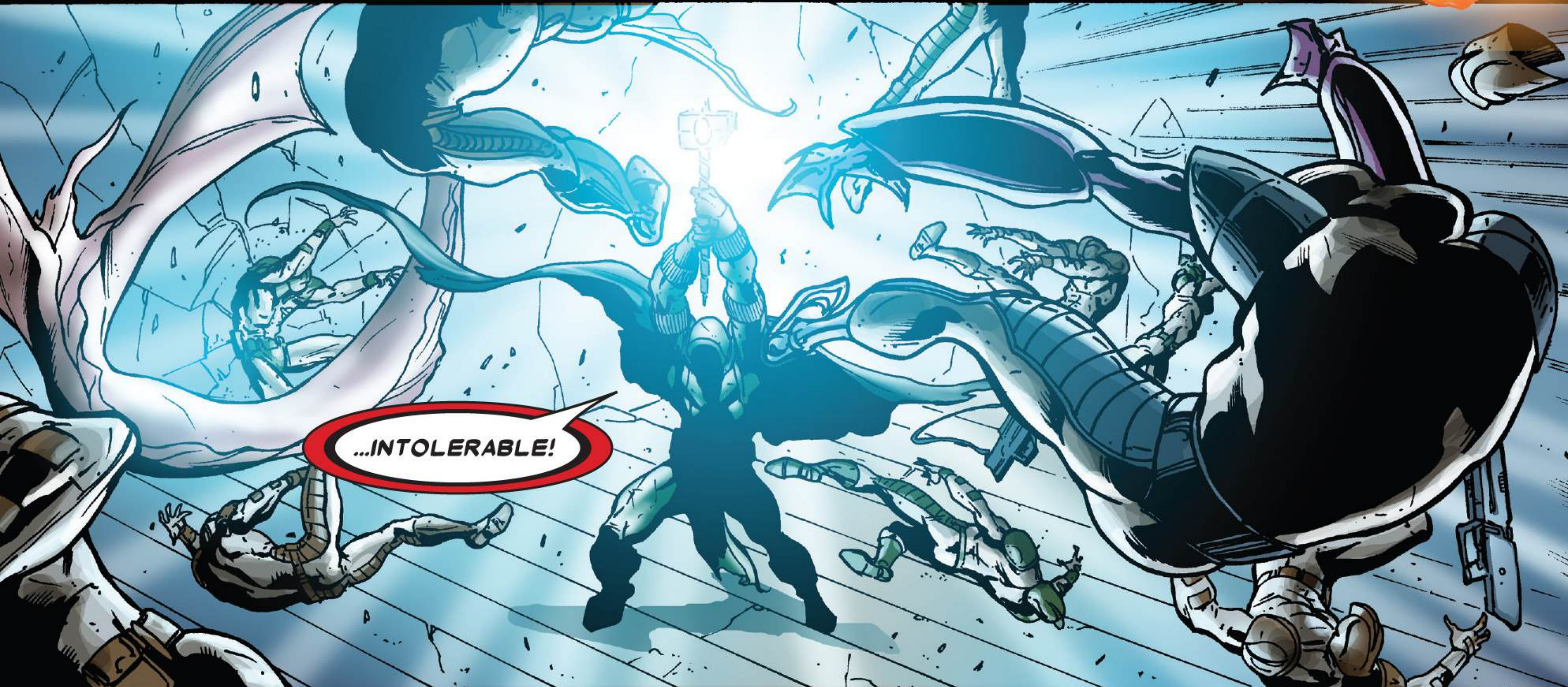
HOUSE FIYERO
IS OF COMMERCE,
NOT WAR.

WAR IS WAGED TO PROTECT
TRADE. OTHERWISE IT IS
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

WE SEEK TO
ESTABLISH TRADE
RELATIONS WITH THE
LORD ANNIHILUS AND,
IN SO DOING, END
THIS CONFLICT.

A MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL
RELATIONSHIP.

AH...IS
THAT HOW IT
WORKS?





THE
ACCUSER IS
INSIDE!

IMPOSSIBLE!

SECURITY ALERT. INTRUDER DETECTED. GRID 01 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. SECURITY ALERT.



YOU TOLD
US YOUR CENTURIONS
COULD TAKE HIM DOWN,
RAVENOUS!

HE WILL
UNDO US
ALL!

DETECTED. GRID 01 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. SECURITY ALERT. INTRUDER DETECTED. SECURITY



THERE IS
NO REASONING
WITH RONAN!

HE'LL NOT
STOP UNTIL
HE SEES US
DEAD!



SMALL
LOSS.

WH...
WHAT!?

THINK IT
THROUGH, FIYERO-
KREE. YOU SOLD
OUT YOUR OWN IN
THE NAME OF
COMMERCE.

DOESN'T
EXACTLY
INSPIRE TRUST...
DOES IT?



FOCUSED,
ISN'T HE?

FIYERO!!



RAVENOUS.
SURELY
THIS DOESN'T
SURPRISE
YOU.

NAH. YOU
ASK ME, KREE
HONOR'S ALWAYS
BEEN AN OXY-
MORON.

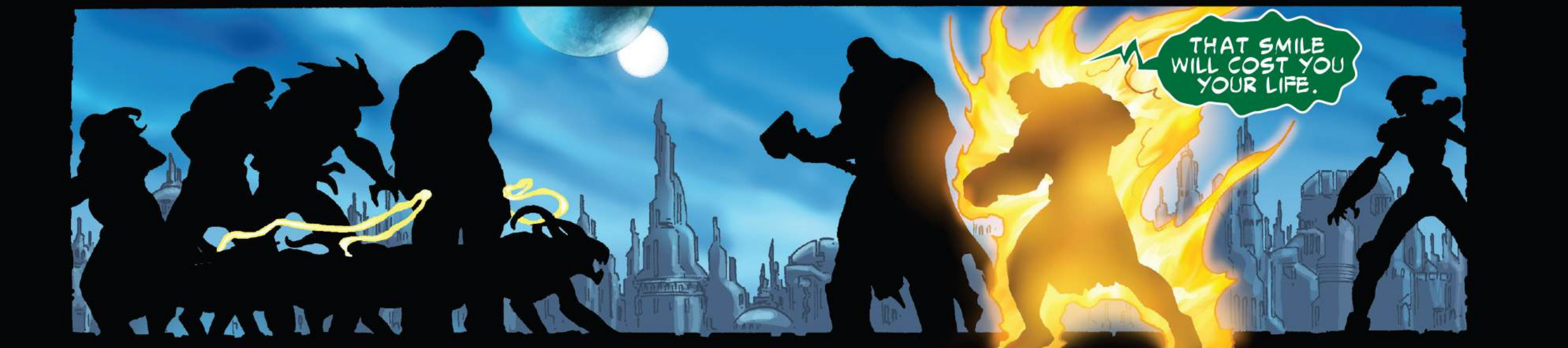


IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE THIS WAY,
"ACCUSER". THE WAVE
BEARS YOU NO ILL WILL.
IT WAS A WAR FOUGHT
WELL BY ALL
INVOLVED.

YOU SHOULD
HONOR THESE KREE.
HOUSE FIYERO CAME TO
THE ONLY CONCLUSION IT
COULD, CIRCUMSTANCES
BEING WHAT THEY ARE.
WERE IT NOT FOR THEIR
FORESIGHT, THE KREE
WOULD JOIN THE
SKRULLS...



...ON THE
ENDANGERED
SPECIES LIST.



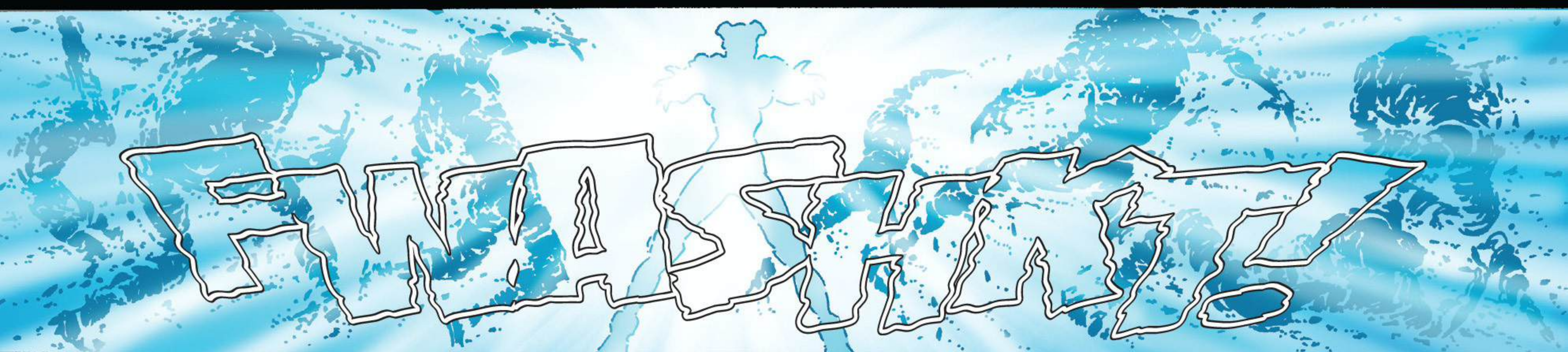
THAT SMILE
WILL COST YOU
YOUR LIFE.



SKRULL!
NO!

SILENCE,
KREE! THIS
ONE'S MINE!







BETTER?

ABOUT TIME
YOU EARNED
YOUR KEEP.

SOMEDAY
I WILL PLEASE
YOU, KL'RT.

LOOKING
FOWARD TO
IT.



THE WAR IS
OVER, HAVEN'T
YOU HEARD?

KREE NEVER
SURRENDER!



YOU'RE AN
ANACHRONISM,
ACCUSER! THE KREE
EMPIRE HAS
EVOLVED BEYOND
YOUR KIND!

THESE
ARE NOT
YOUR PEOPLE
ANYMORE!



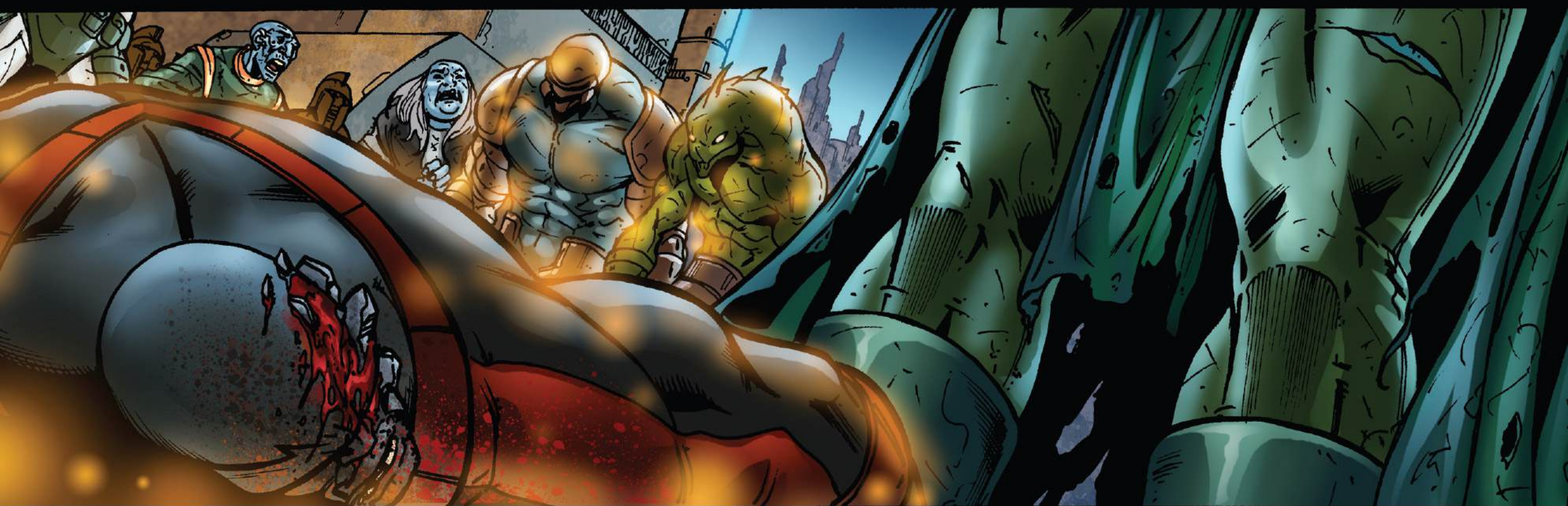
KNOW THAT YOU STAND
ACCUSED OF CRIMES
AGAINST THE KREE
EMPIRE, RAVENOUS!

THESE
ARE NOT YOUR
KREE!!

KNOW THAT
YOU HAVE BEEN
JUDGED AND
FOUND...



...GUILTY!





BROTHERS.
SUBDUE THE
TRAITORS.



I DON'T
SUPPOSE YOU'D
CONSIDER SAVING
ONE FOR ME?

SKRULL...

THOUGHT
NOT.



YOU...
YOU CAN'T!

HOUSE FIYERO
STILL RULES THE
KREE EMPIRE!

THE SUPREME
INTELLIGENCE CEDED
AUTHORITY TO US!



WE COULDN'T
BEAT THEM. WOULD
YOU HAVE
GENOCIDE!?

THE WAR
WAS LOST! WHAT
OTHER CHOICE
WAS THERE!?

WE DID
WHAT WE
THOUGHT
BEST.



KNOW THAT
HOUSE FIYERO
STANDS
ACCUSED...



OPEN IT.



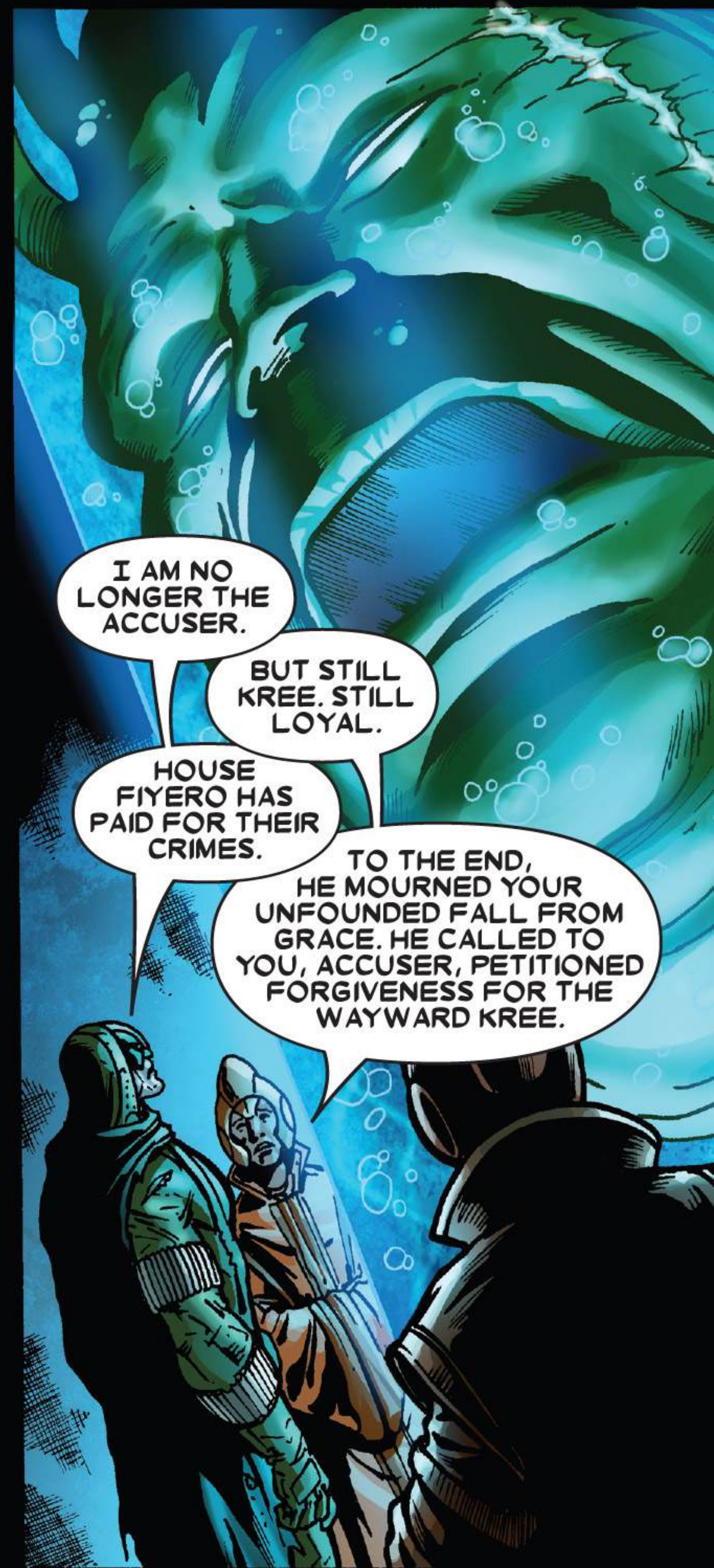
SEE THEIR HANDIWORK, ACCUSER. SEE HOW HOUSE FIYERO USURPS AN EMPIRE.

THEY STRUCK HIM DOWN. STRUCK HIM DOWN AND IMPRISONED HIM; TAKEN FROM KREE-LAR...



...AND MADE SILENT.

LIVING DEATH. THEY DARED NOT KILL THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE. IT'S LIVING DEATH, ACCUSER.



I AM NO LONGER THE ACCUSER.

BUT STILL KREE. STILL LOYAL.

HOUSE FIYERO HAS PAID FOR THEIR CRIMES.

TO THE END, HE MOURNED YOUR UNFOUNDED FALL FROM GRACE. HE CALLED TO YOU, ACCUSER, PETITIONED FORGIVENESS FOR THE WAYWARD KREE.



I HEARD. I RETURNED TO RESTORE THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE--

NO. NEVER AGAIN WILL THE PRESENCE RULE THE KREE.

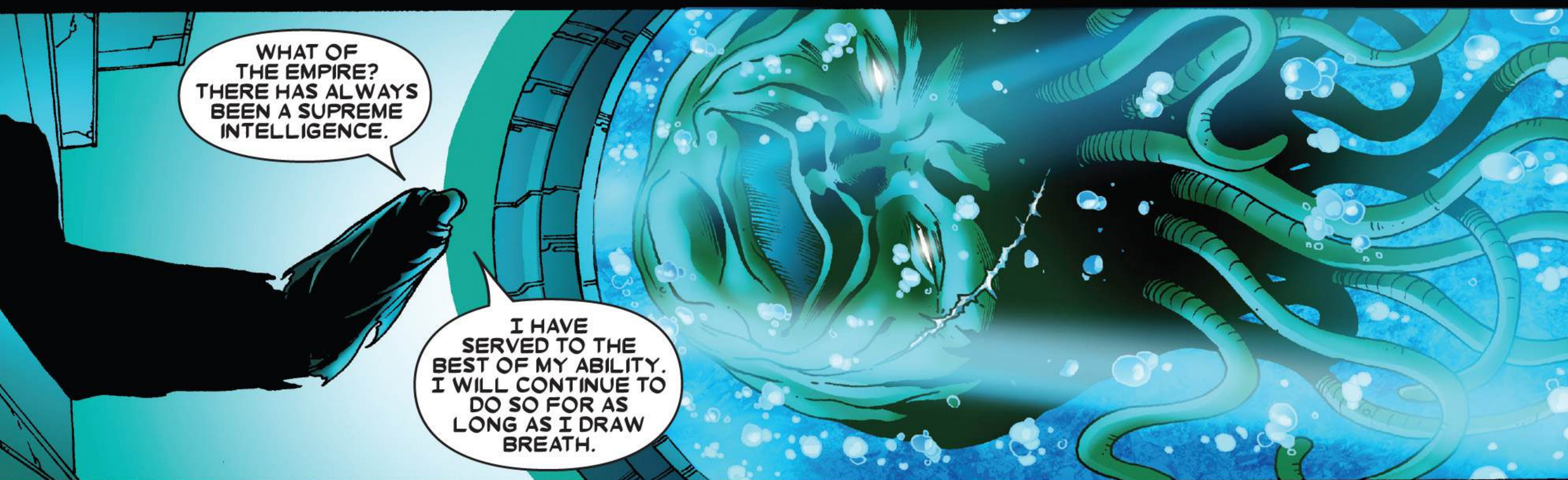


LEAVE.



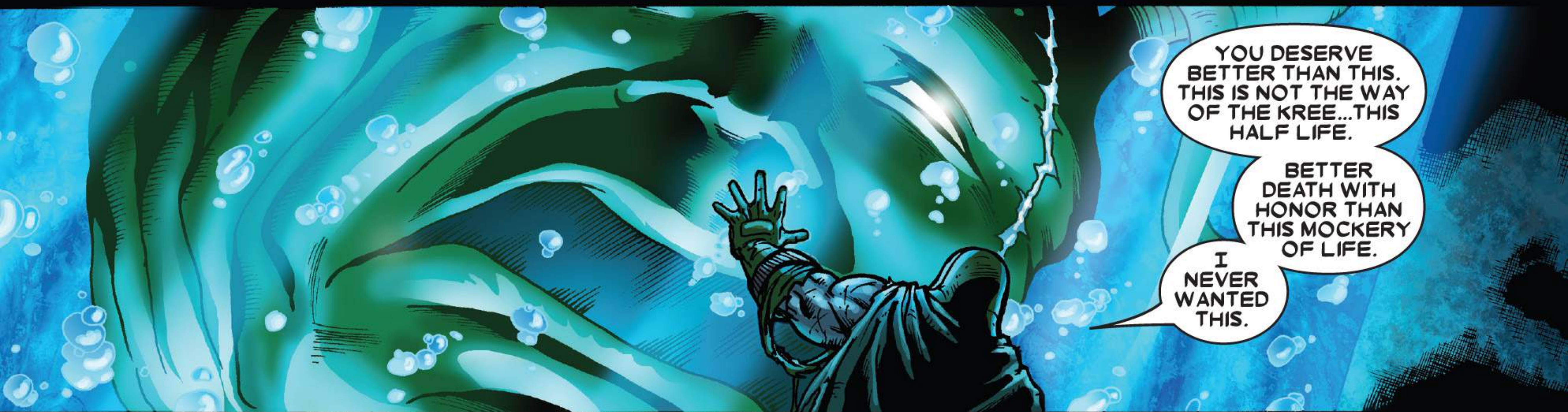
LET THE
FIRST ACT OF
YOUR REIGN...

...BE
ONE OF
MERCY.



WHAT OF
THE EMPIRE?
THERE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN A SUPREME
INTELLIGENCE.

I HAVE
SERVED TO THE
BEST OF MY ABILITY.
I WILL CONTINUE TO
DO SO FOR AS
LONG AS I DRAW
BREATH.



YOU DESERVE
BETTER THAN THIS.
THIS IS NOT THE WAY
OF THE KREE...THIS
HALF LIFE.

BETTER
DEATH WITH
HONOR THAN
THIS MOCKERY
OF LIFE.

I
NEVER
WANTED
THIS.



YOU WILL BE
REMEMBERED.

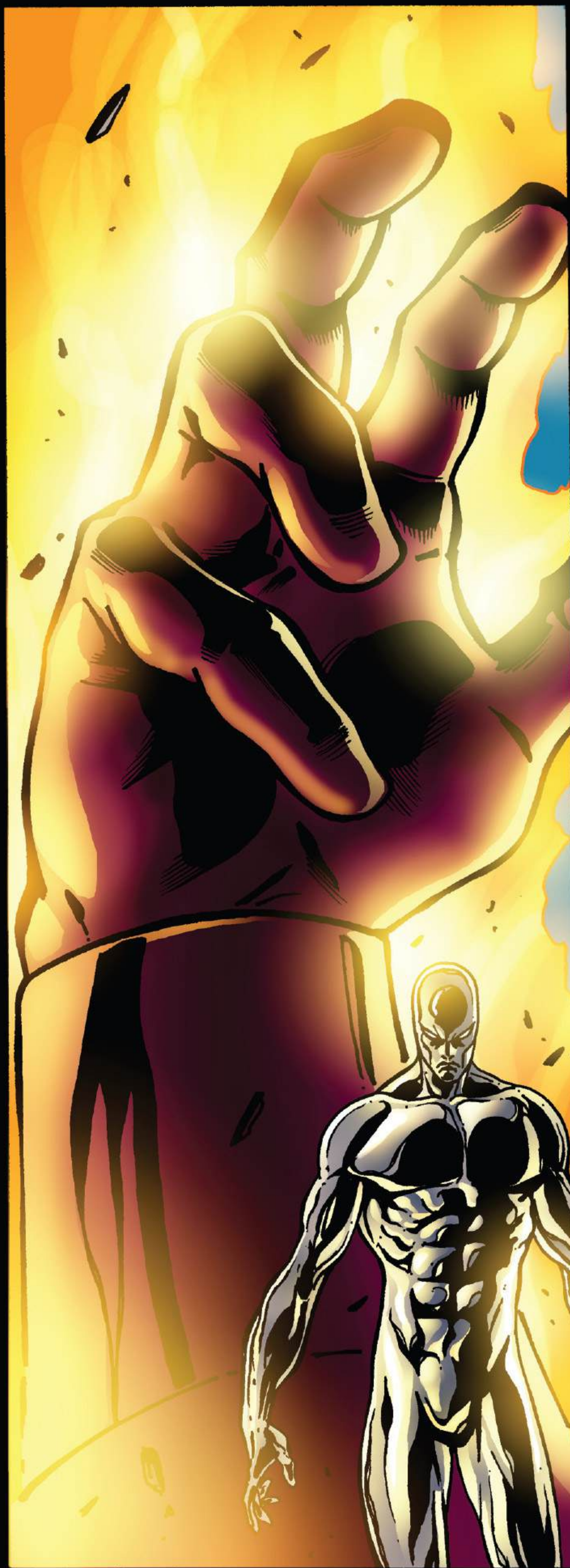
SHAKAK





ANNIHILATION #6







FINALE

ANNIHILUS' FLAGSHIP.



NO!
IT IS FREE. THE
GALACTUS THING
IS FREE!

YOU GAVE
YOUR WORD,
GALACTUS! YOU
SAID YOU WOULD
SEE TO HER...



... SAFETY ...



NOOOOO!
THANOS! CURSED
TITAN! WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE? THE COSMIC
POWER IS MINE!

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE!?



GO FORTH,
SURFER...

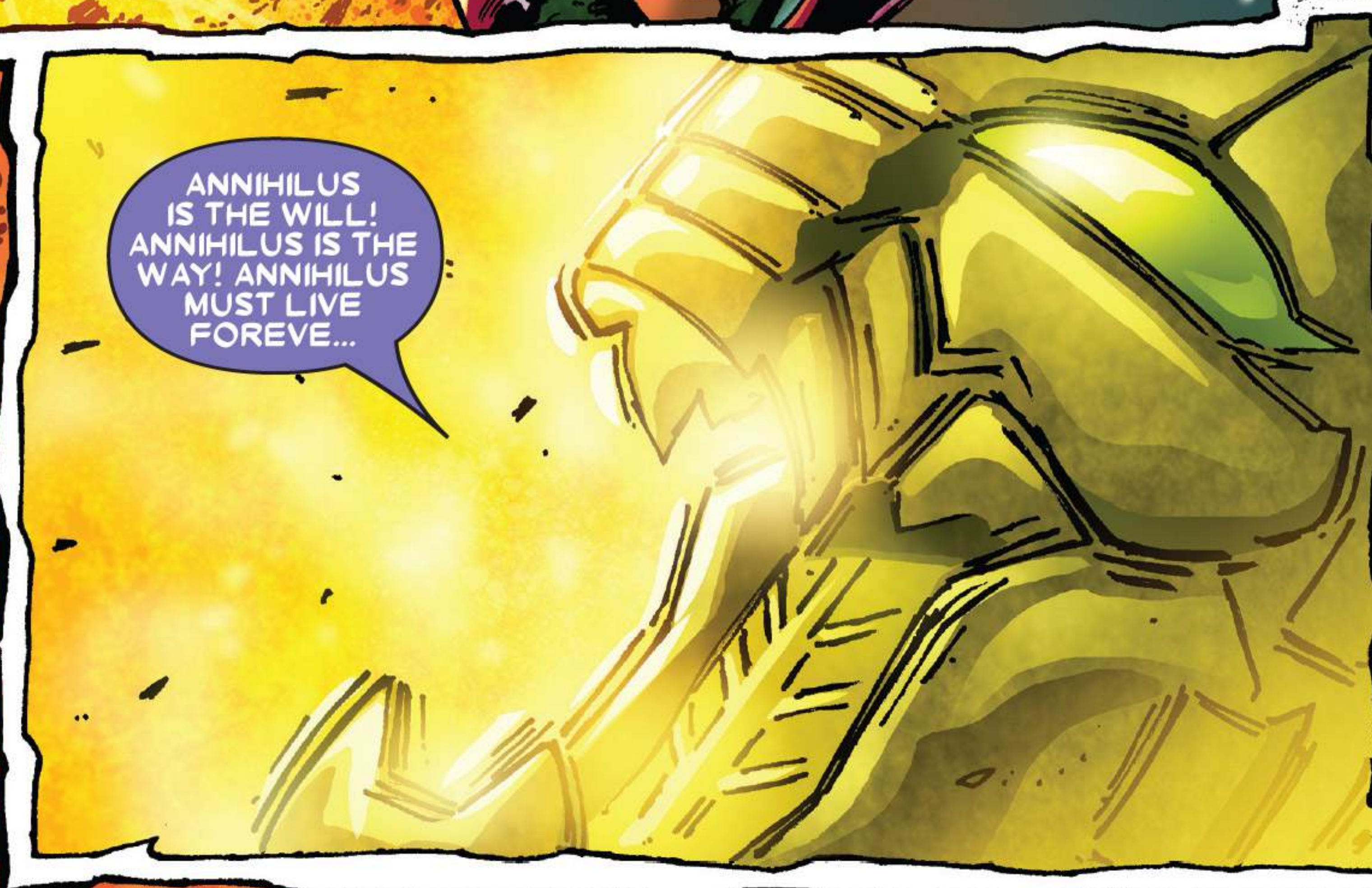


**...HERALD
MY RAGE!**

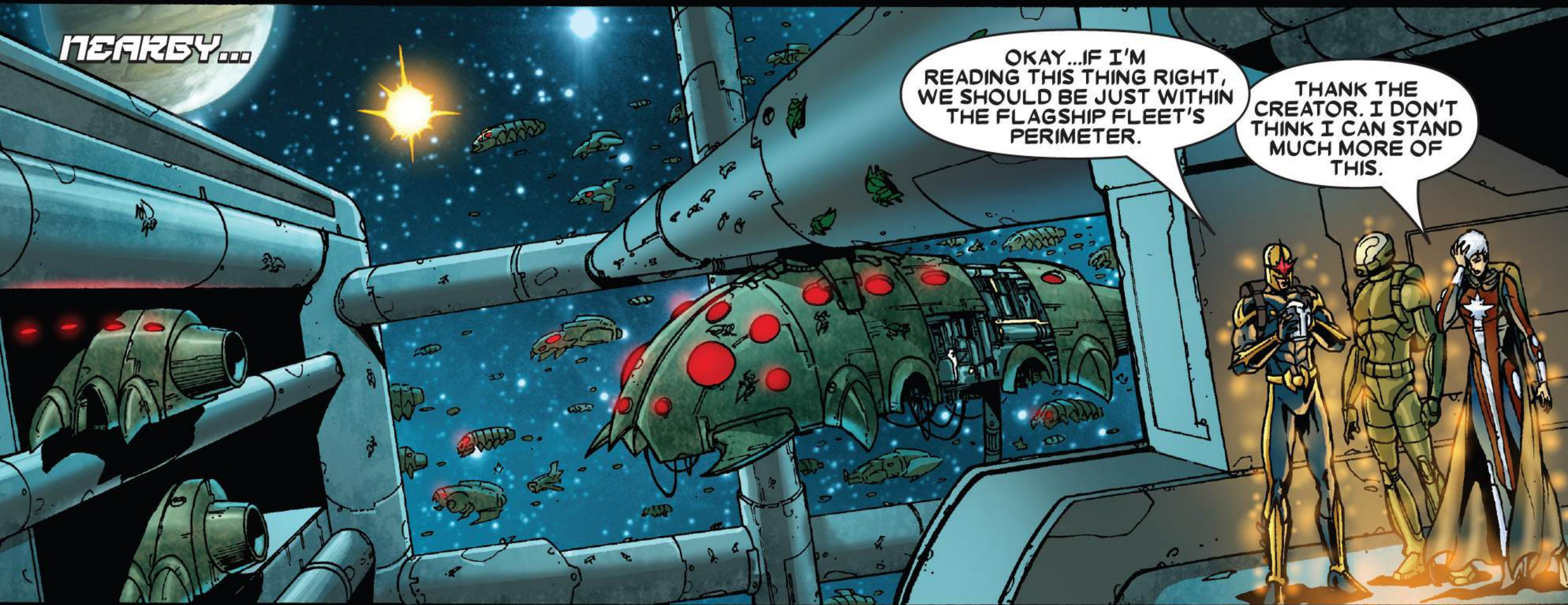


UNDONE
BY THE TITAN!
THIS MUST NOT
BE!

I DENY
IT!



ANNIHILUS
IS THE WILL!
ANNIHILUS IS THE
WAY! ANNIHILUS
MUST LIVE
FOREVER...



NEARBY...

OKAY...IF I'M
READING THIS THING RIGHT,
WE SHOULD BE JUST WITHIN
THE FLAGSHIP FLEET'S
PERIMETER.

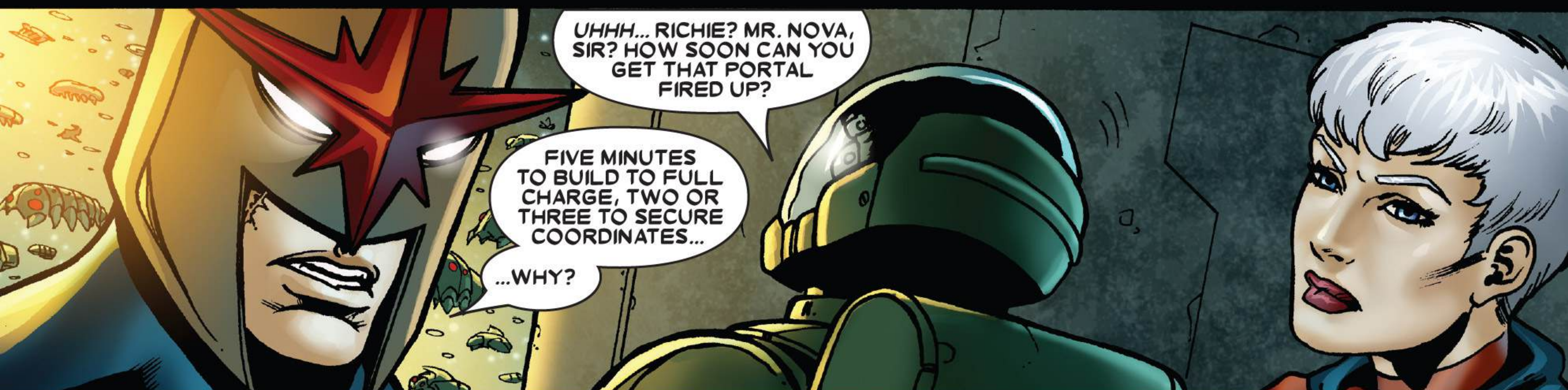
THANK THE
CREATOR. I DON'T
THINK I CAN STAND
MUCH MORE OF
THIS.



BITE DOWN ON IT, PHYLIA.
ONE MORE JUMP AND WE'RE
IN STRIKING DISTANCE.

DID IT OCCUR
TO YOU, NOVA, THAT
WE'RE PUTTING AN AWFUL
LOT OF FAITH IN TECH THAT'S
BEEN PROVEN UNRELIABLE
IN THE BEST OF
CIRCUMSTANCES?

YES.
YES, IT
HAS.



UHHH... RICHIE? MR. NOVA,
SIR? HOW SOON CAN YOU
GET THAT PORTAL
FIRED UP?

FIVE MINUTES
TO BUILD TO FULL
CHARGE, TWO OR
THREE TO SECURE
COORDINATES...

...WHY?

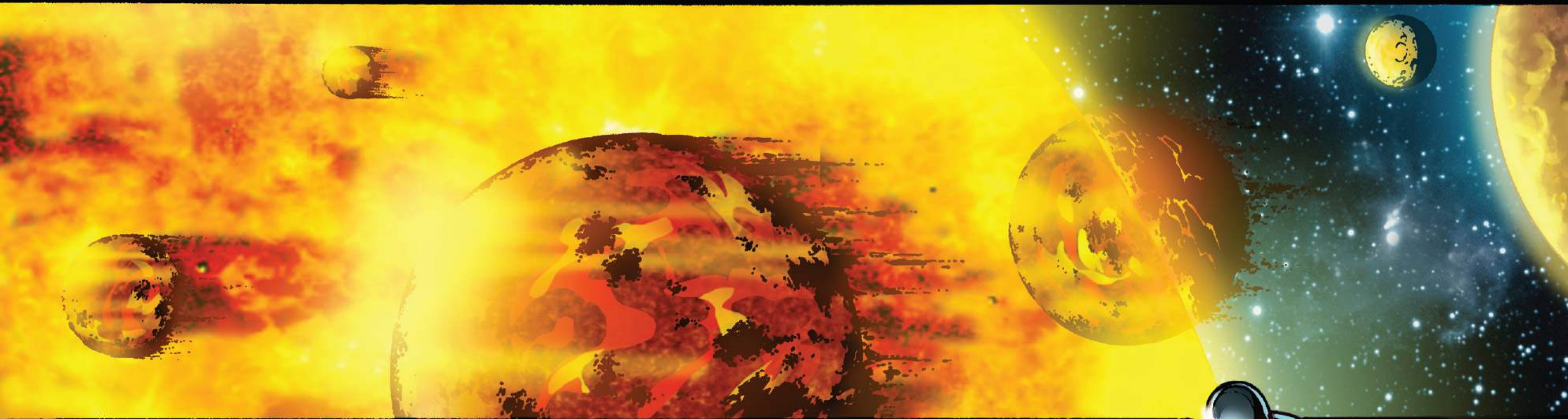


TIME TO
MOVE!

AW,
CRAP.

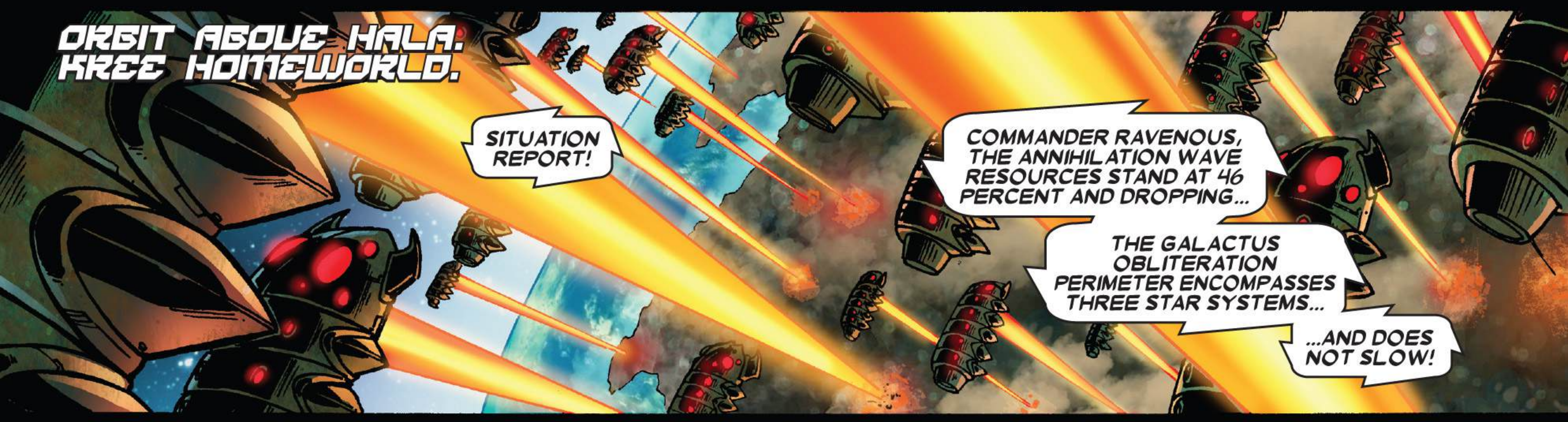
BLESSED
CREATOR...





ANNIHILUS,
BEHOLD...

...THE
POWER OF
GALACTUS.



ORBIT ABOVE HALA.
KREE HOMEWORLD.

SITUATION
REPORT!

COMMANDER RAVENOUS,
THE ANNIHILATION WAVE
RESOURCES STAND AT 46
PERCENT AND DROPPING...

THE GALACTUS
OBLITERATION
PERIMETER ENCOMPASSES
THREE STAR SYSTEMS...

...AND DOES
NOT SLOW!

HALA'S SURFACE.

...34 PERCENT OF
WAVE EFFECTIVE
AND DROPPING...

WHERE IS
THAT TRANSMISSION
COMING FROM? IS THAT
FROM ORBIT?

IT'S THE SAME
EVERYWHERE. THE
ANNIHILATION WAVE'S
BROKEN SECURE COM
PROTOCOL.

WHAT DO
YOU MAKE OF IT,
RONAN?

THEY ATTACK
FROM ORBIT LIKE
COWARDS. THEY
ARE AFRAID.

THEIR
FEAR MAKES THEM
CARELESS. THEIR
CARELESSNESS MAKES
THEM VULNERABLE.
TODAY...

...FINALLY...

...RAVENOUS
WILL UNDERSTAND
WHY THE KREE ARE
FEARED!

HALA ORBIT.

...14TH DRED BATTALION
TASKED TO KREE SECTOR
777-98 - DECIMATED...
18TH OVERKILL FLEET
TASKED TO KREE SECTOR
845-99 - DECIMATED...

PROJECT
THE IMMEDIATE
IMPACT ON OUR
SUPPLY LINES!

THERE ARE NO SUPPLY LINES.
THE WAVE STANDS FRAGMENTED
AND DIMINISHED. WE ARE ON
OUR OWN.

OPTIONS?

INCOMING!

THEY'RE
ATTACKING?

...WITH
WHAT?

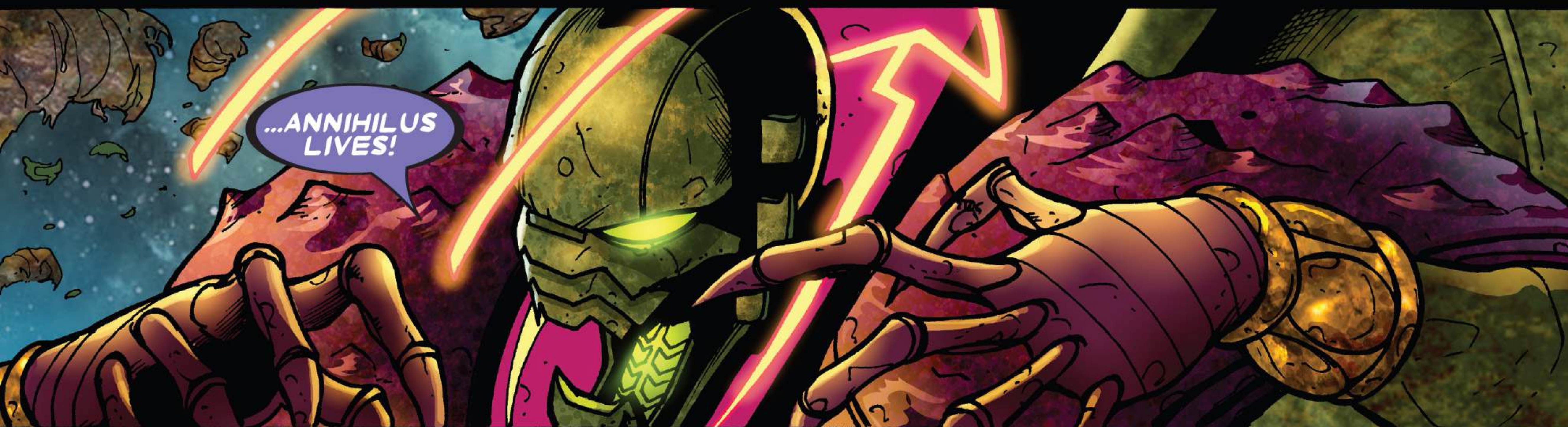
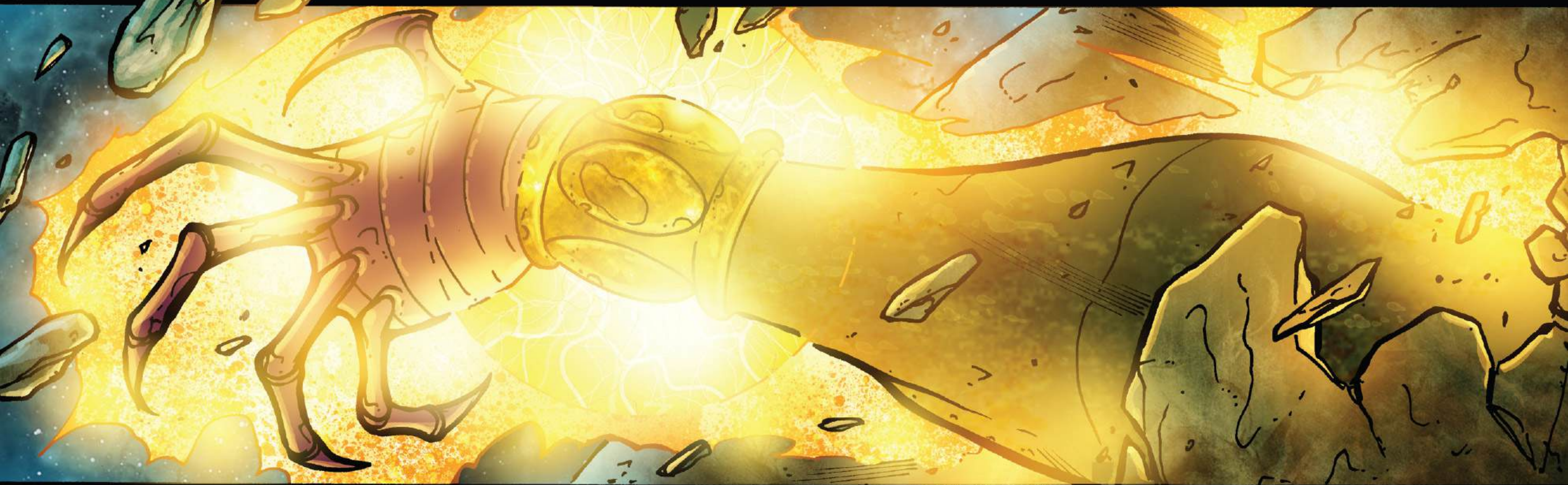
UNKNOWN!

WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
"UNKNOWN"!?





THE DEBRIS OF ANNIHILUS' FLAGSHIP...







THE NOVA
THING. SURVIVED
THE DEVOURER'S
RAGE, DID YOU?

ANNIHILUS IS
IMPRESSED.



ONLY
ONE OF
US WALKS
AWAY.

AGREED.



THAT'S
OUR CUE TO...
HNGH...

PROBLEM?



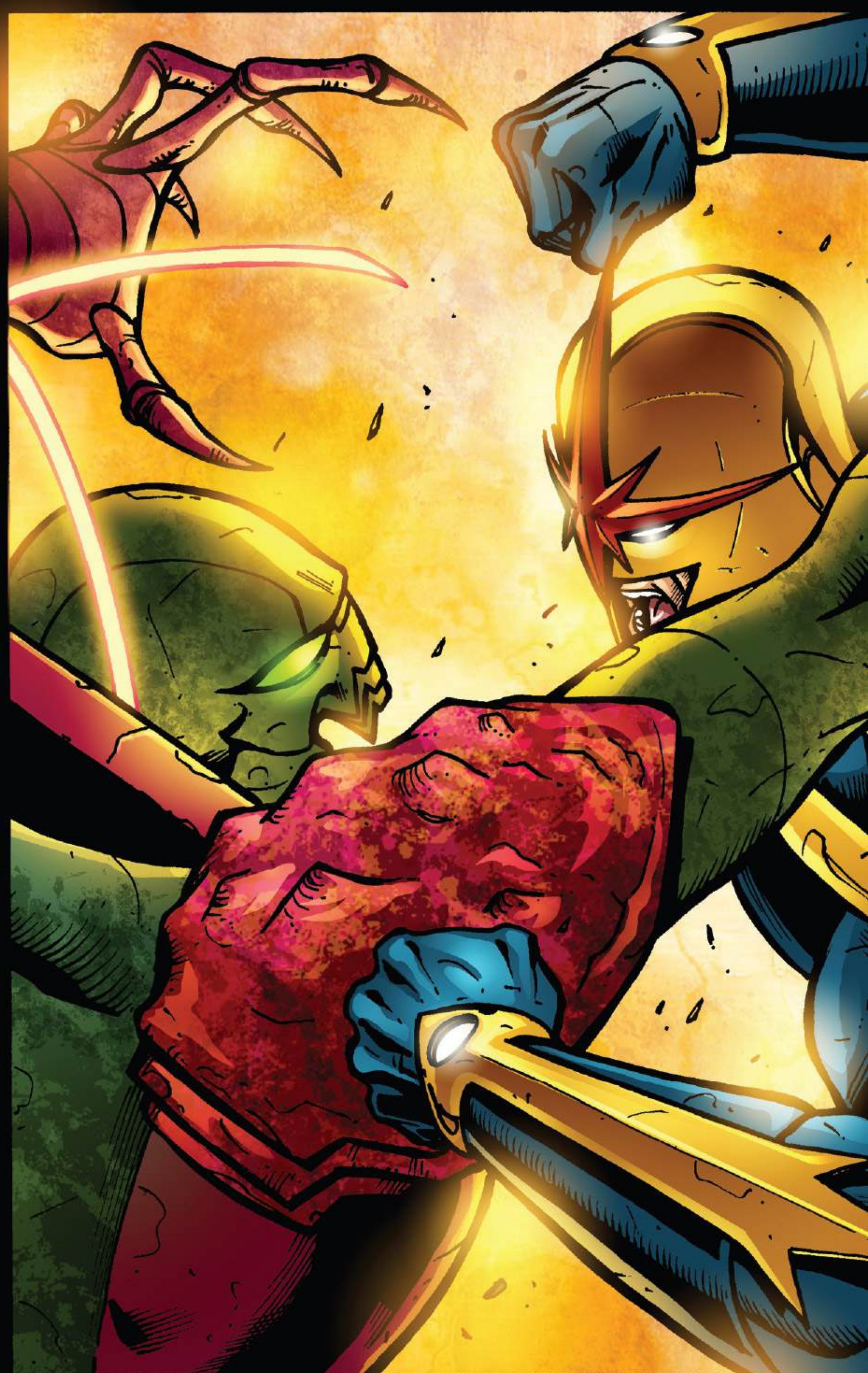
HE...HE'S
SEALED US IN!
I CAN'T--

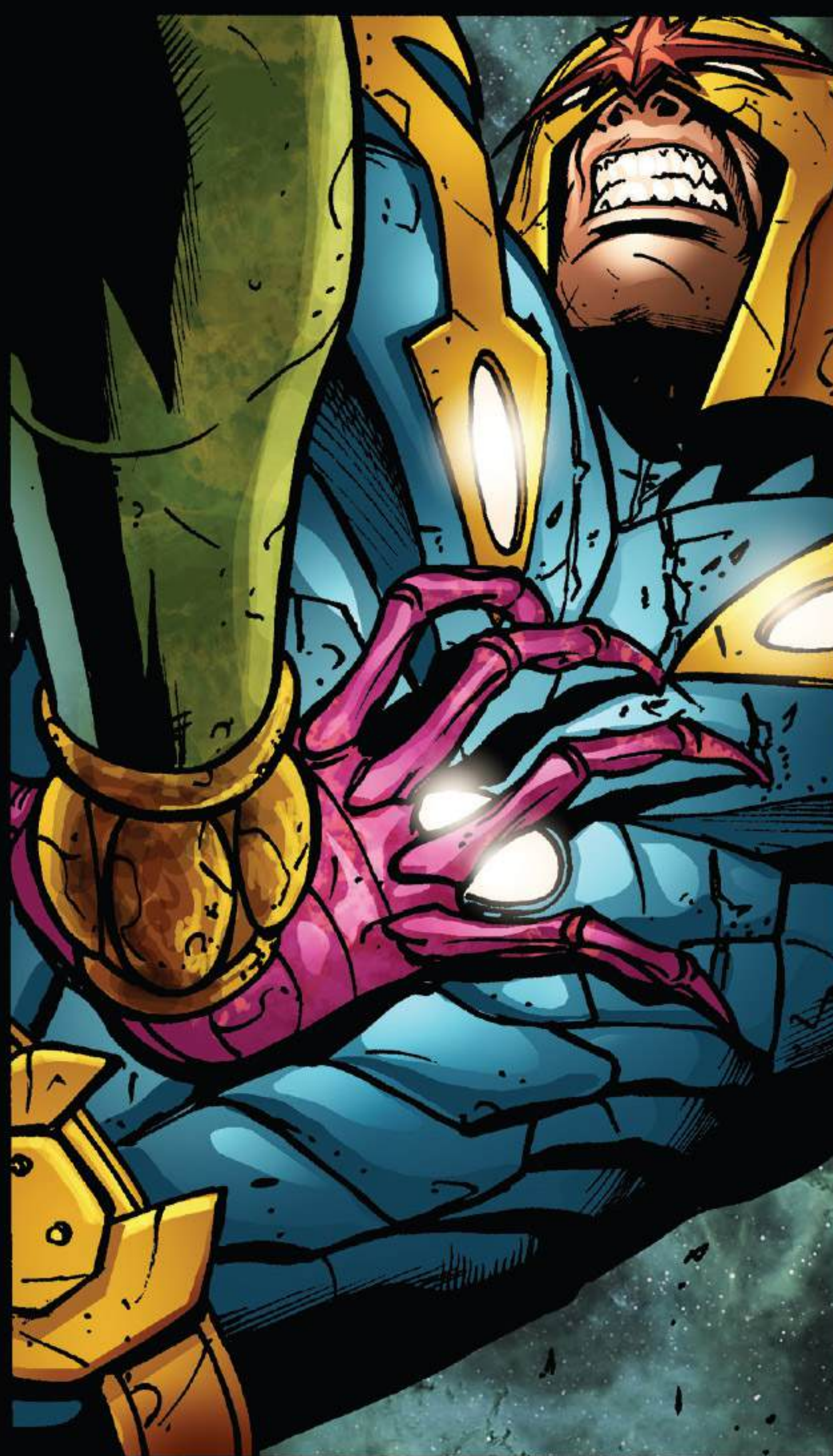
WHAT? YOU
DIDN'T SEE THAT
COMING?

BUT
HE CAN'T...
ANNIHILUS...
HE...

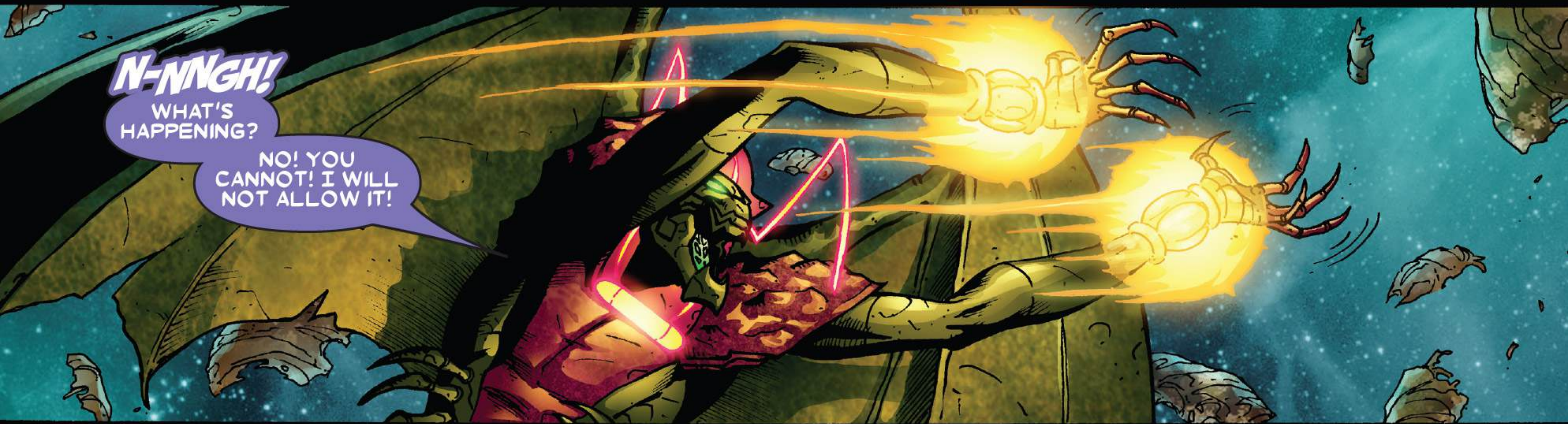
YEAH. I
KNOW.











N-NNGH!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

NO! YOU
CANNOT! I WILL
NOT ALLOW IT!



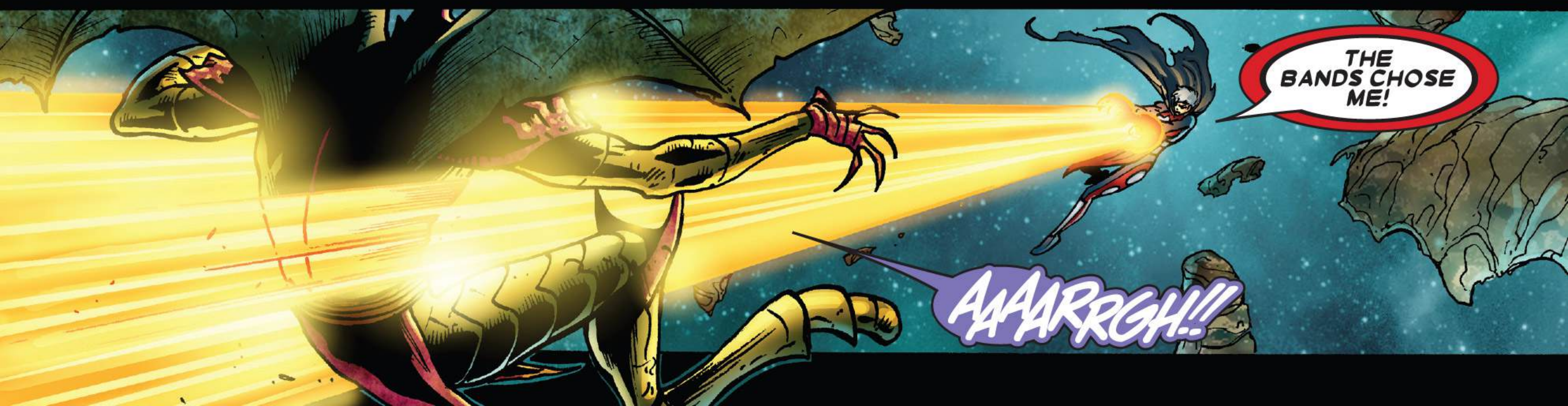
NOOO! I
WON'T LET
GO! NOTHING
DEFIES...



YOU
DON'T GET TO
CHOOSE!

THE QUANTUM
BANDS MAY NOT BE
SENTIENT, BUT THEY
KNOW EVIL WHEN IT
TOUCHES THEM.

I OFFERED
AN OPTION THROUGH
CONTACT.



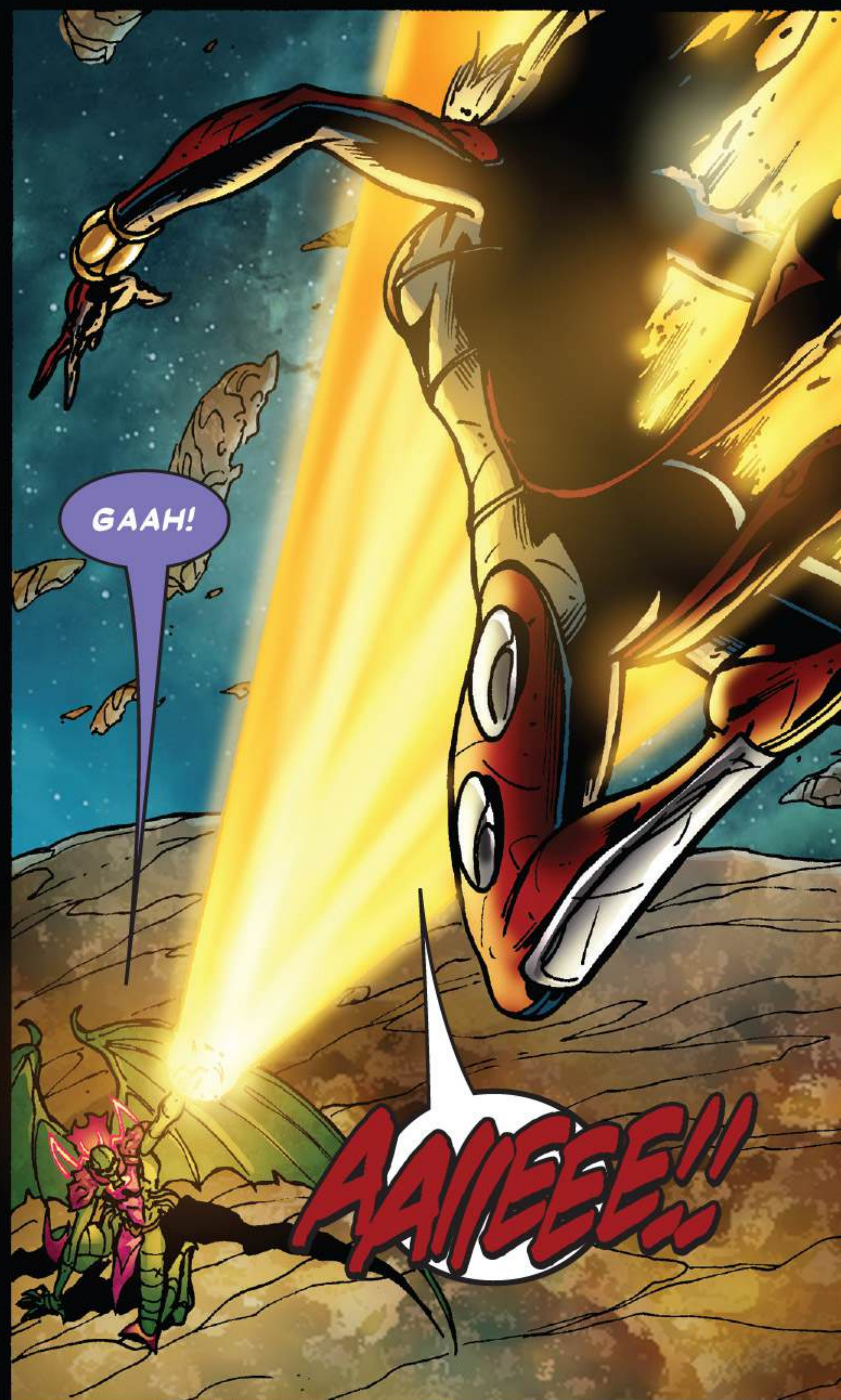
THE
BANDS CHOSE
ME!

AAAARRGH!!!



ANNIHILUS NEEDS
NO POWER SAVE HIS.
ANNIHILUS IS OF POWER!
ANNIHILUS IS OF
DEATH!

PHYLA,
NO!



GAAH!

AAIEEEEE!!

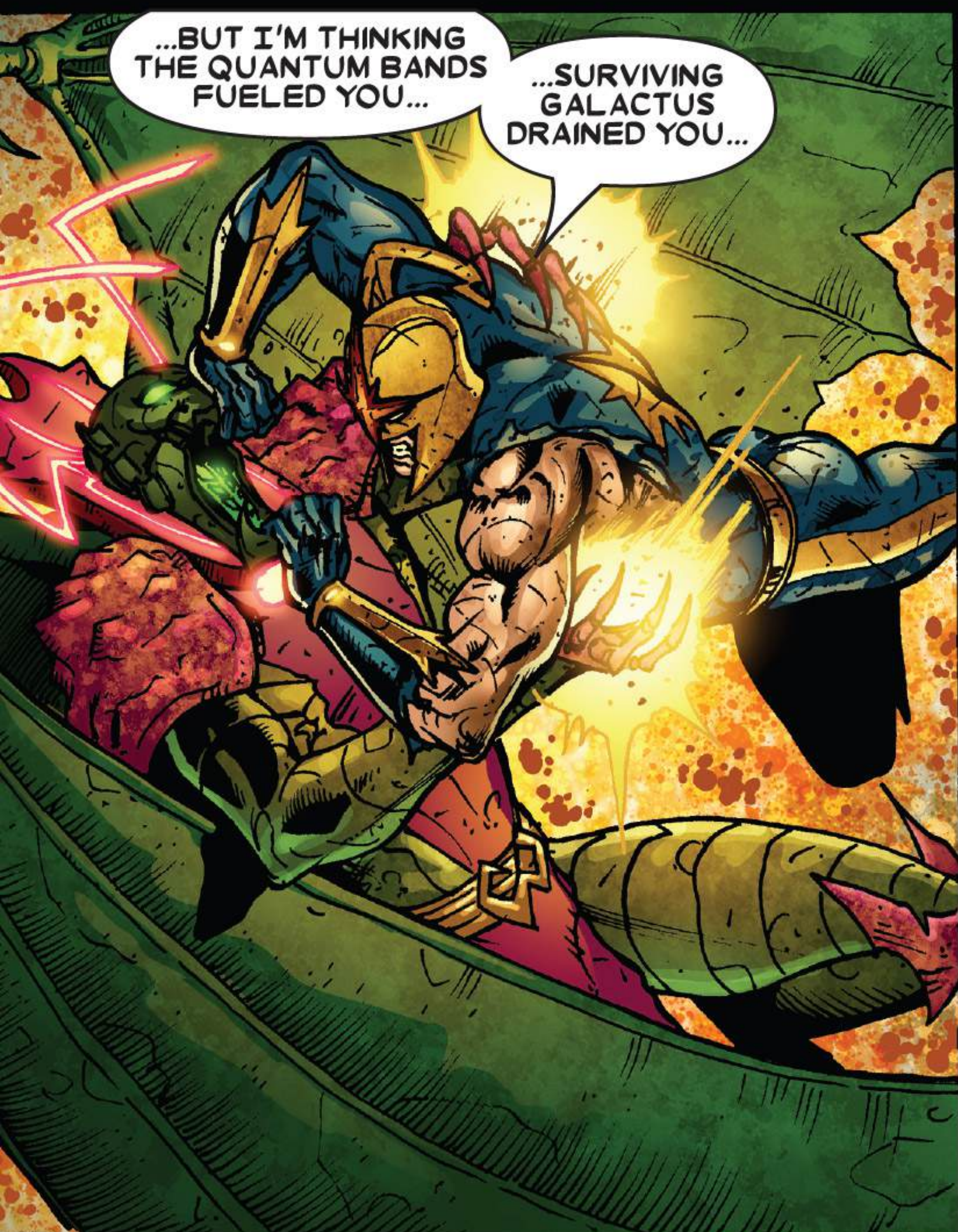


STILL
YOU PERSIST,
NOVA! FUTILE
CREATURE!

EVEN WITHOUT
THE QUANTUM BANDS
AND POWER COSMIC,
YOU CANNOT HOPE TO
PIERCE MY BODY
ARMOR!

ANNIHILUS
WILL KEEP
COMING UNTIL
HE EATS YOUR
FLESH.

YOU
KEEP SAYING
THAT...



...BUT I'M THINKING
THE QUANTUM BANDS
FUELED YOU...

...SURVIVING
GALACTUS
DRAINED YOU...



I'M
THINKING YOUR
FLAPPING JAW IS
THE GAP IN YOUR
ARMOR!

GL-
KKK-
GKKK...



THIS IS FOR
THE BILLIONS
DEAD BY YOUR
HAND...

GK..
GK..
UK...

**THIS IS
FOR NOVA
CORPS!**

K-K-KKKKK...

KRUNCH-AK





UGH...
NOT...TOO
GROSS...



NOVA!

HUH...
SEE
YOU...



... BETTER
LUCK...NEXT
TIME...



RICHIE?
RICHIE!?

TANTUS 4. KREE SPACE.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 268--ARMISTICE DAY.

★ VERBAL LOG. NOVA CORPS
OPERATIVE: 11249-44396/
RICHARD RIDER.

I REALLY WISH I COULD WRAP THIS
UP WITH "AND THEY ALL LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER" BUT LIFE'S JUST NOT
THAT NEAT. ESPECIALLY OUT HERE.

I BEAT THE ODDS.
I LIVED. PETER AND
PHYLA SAW TO THAT.

TO HEAR PETER TELL IT, THERE
ARE FACTIONS OUT HERE
WOULDN'T MIND MY STAYING ON
AS...WHAT? CHIEF OF POLICE?
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF?

JURY'S STILL OUT ON THAT.
AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO SEE
NOVA CORPS RESTORED...
GUESS I'LL BURN THAT BRIDGE
WHEN I COME TO IT.



PRESIDING OVER A PAN-GALACTIC
"COLD WAR" DOESN'T SOUND ALL
THAT ATTRACTIVE JUST ABOUT NOW.
YEAH, YOU HEARD RIGHT... "COLD WAR".

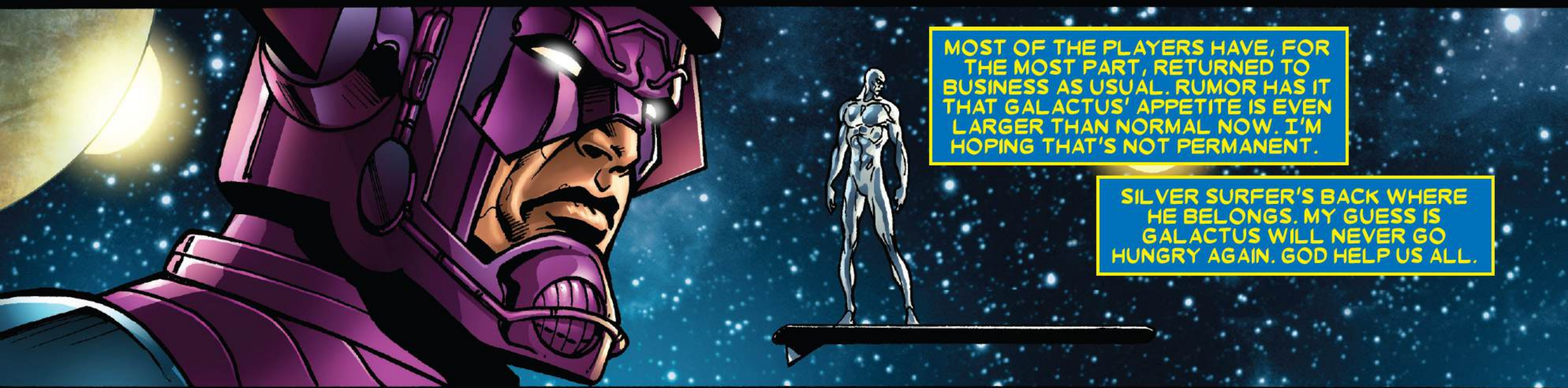
RAVENOUS SUED FOR "PEACE"
SHORTLY AFTER GALACTUS'
LITTLE TEMPER TANTRUM
TURNED THE TIDE IN OUR FAVOR.

CERTAIN KREE TERRITORIES WERE
CEDED TO HIM IN EXCHANGE FOR
AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO HOSTILITIES.
RONAN GOT HALA, THE KREE HOME-
WORLD. RAVENOUS TOOK KREE-LAR,
THE FORMER CAPITAL PLANET,
AMONG OTHERS.

I DON'T LIKE IT. BUT THEN I'M
NO DIPLOMAT AND, TRUTH TO TELL, I
CAN UNDERSTAND EVERYONE WANTING
AN END TO ALL THE KILLING.



I UNDERSTAND RONAN
GRITTED HIS TEETH TODAY AS
HE SIGNED THE ARMISTICE.



MOST OF THE PLAYERS HAVE, FOR
THE MOST PART, RETURNED TO
BUSINESS AS USUAL. RUMOR HAS IT
THAT GALACTUS' APPETITE IS EVEN
LARGER THAN NORMAL NOW. I'M
HOPING THAT'S NOT PERMANENT.

SILVER SURFER'S BACK WHERE
HE BELONGS. MY GUESS IS
GALACTUS WILL NEVER GO
HUNGRY AGAIN. GOD HELP US ALL.



THE REST OF GALACTUS' FORMER HERALDS... NOT SO GOOD. RED SHIFT AND STARDUST K.I.A., TERRAX M.I.A.

FIRELORD HOLDS THE MOTHER OF ALL GRUDGES. IF I UNDERSTOOD PETER CORRECTLY, FIRELORD'S OUT THERE LOOKING TO GET SOME PAYBACK BY HUNTING DOWN THE REMAINING CENTURIONS.

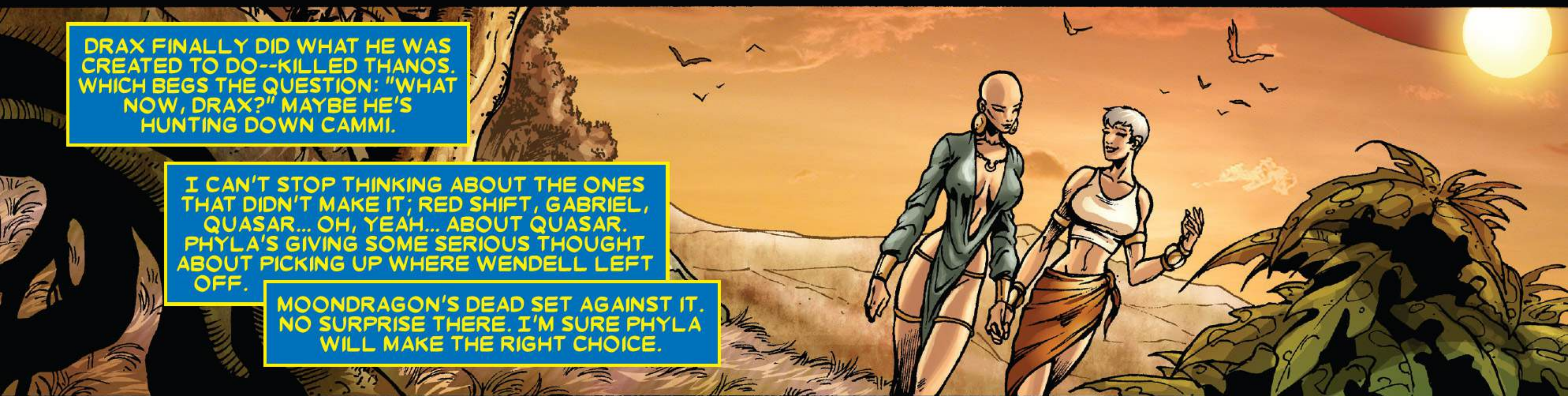
I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.



SUPER-SKRULL AND PRAXAGORA HAVE DROPPED OFF THE RADAR, AS HAS DRAX. DRAX BEING UNACCOUNTED FOR WORRIES ME MORE THAN I CAN TELL.

MOONDRAGON'S BEEN NO HELP AT ALL. SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE WOKEN UP ON A KREE FRINGE WORLD WITH NO IDEA HOW SHE GOT THERE.

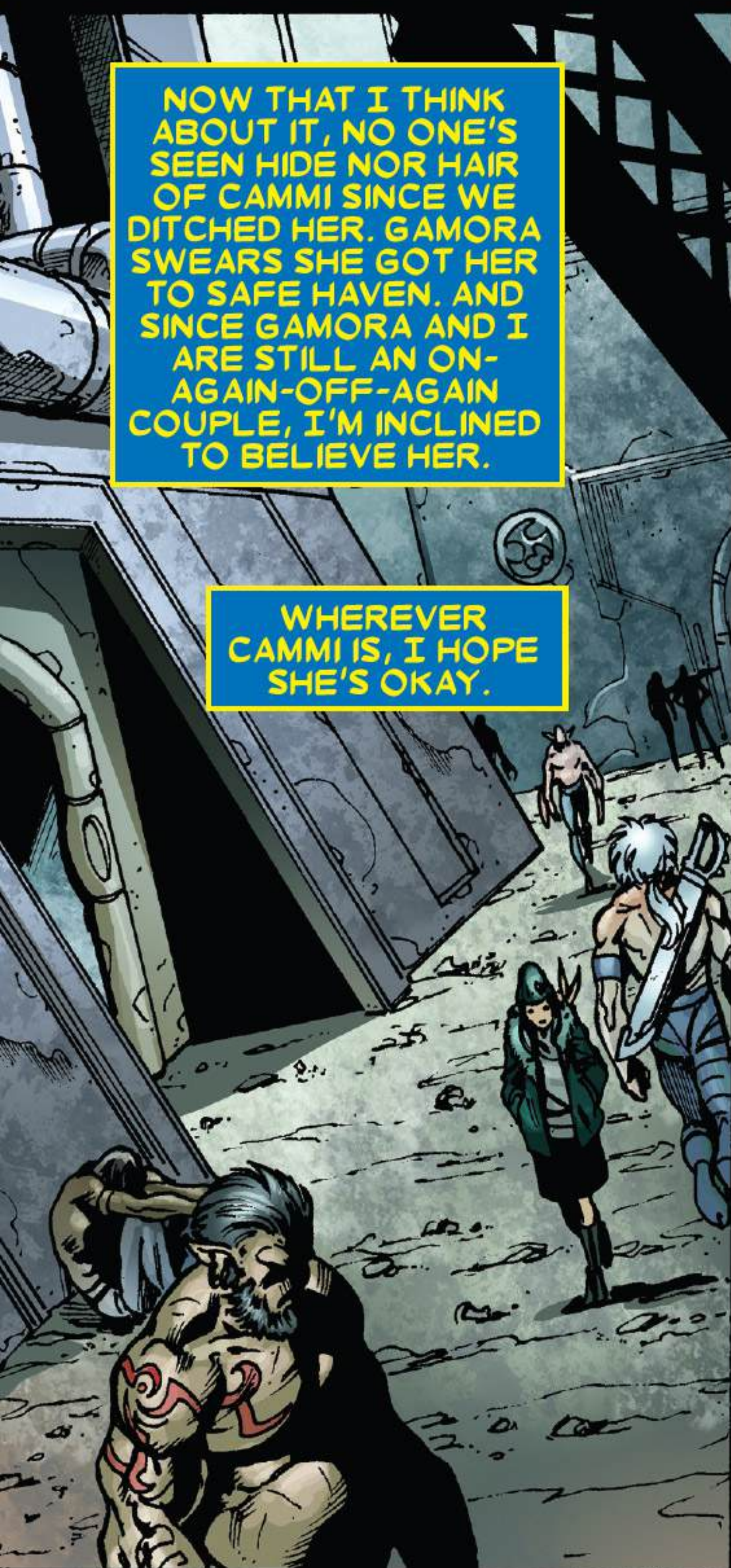
SHE'S LYING. SHE KNOWS IT, I KNOW IT AND SHE KNOWS I KNOW IT. DON'T BLAME HER--I KNOW I'D NEVER SQUEAL OUT MY DAD.



DRAX FINALLY DID WHAT HE WAS CREATED TO DO--KILLED THANOS. WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION: "WHAT NOW, DRAX?" MAYBE HE'S HUNTING DOWN CAMMI.

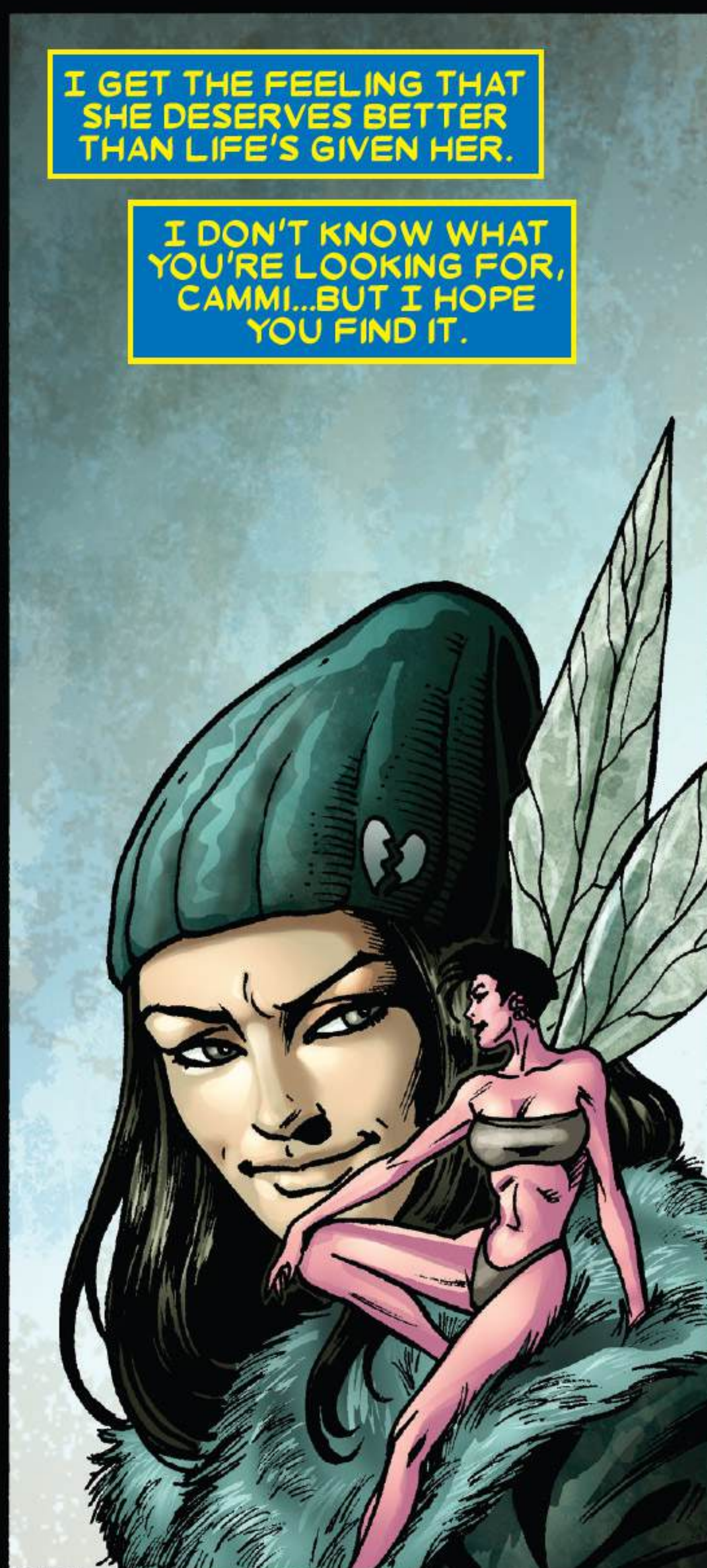
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THE ONES THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT; RED SHIFT, GABRIEL, QUASAR... OH, YEAH... ABOUT QUASAR. PHYLIA'S GIVING SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT ABOUT PICKING UP WHERE WENDELL LEFT OFF.

MOONDRAGON'S DEAD SET AGAINST IT. NO SURPRISE THERE. I'M SURE PHYLIA WILL MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.



NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, NO ONE'S SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OF CAMMI SINCE WE DITCHED HER. GAMORA SWEARS SHE GOT HER TO SAFE HAVEN. AND SINCE GAMORA AND I ARE STILL AN ON-AGAIN-OFF-AGAIN COUPLE, I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE HER.

WHEREVER CAMMI IS, I HOPE SHE'S OKAY.



I GET THE FEELING THAT SHE DESERVES BETTER THAN LIFE'S GIVEN HER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, CAMMI...BUT I HOPE YOU FIND IT.



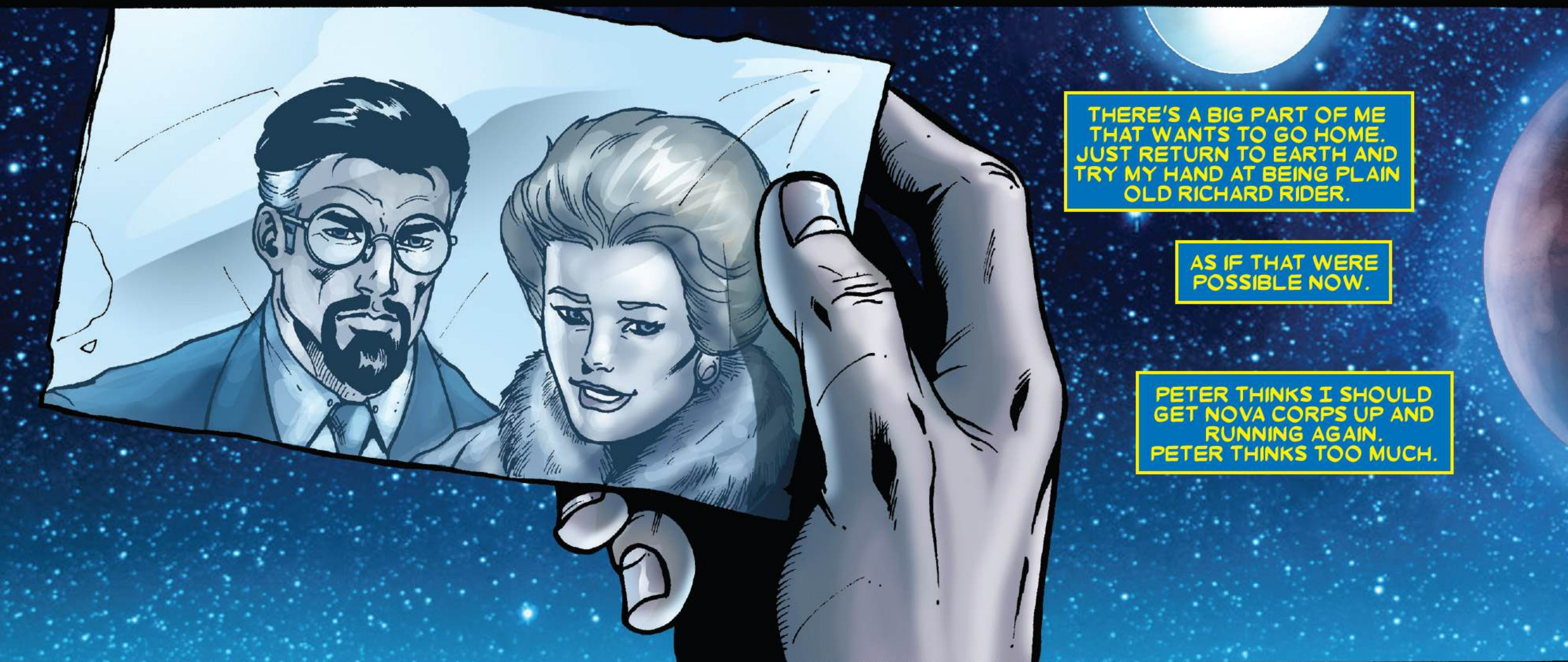
WE'VE LOST TRACK OF TOO MANY ALLIES AND SOMETIMES I WONDER IF THAT'S THE WAY THEY WANT IT. BLASTAAR AND HIS SPACE KNIGHT RESISTANCE COME TO MIND MOST OFTEN.

I'D LIKE TO THINK THEY SURVIVED WHAT EVERYONE'S STARTED REFERRING TO AS THE "GALACTUS EVENT." I NEED TO THINK THAT.



AND WHAT ABOUT RICHARD RIDER, THE LAST NOVA? WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR NOW THAT I'M UNEMPLOYED? IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ENOUGH OFFERS.

HELL, RONAN EVEN OFFERED TO MAKE ME AN HONORARY KREE. PETER SAYS THAT'S A BIG DEAL, THAT YOU CAN COUNT THE PEOPLE GIVEN THAT HONOR ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND.



THERE'S A BIG PART OF ME THAT WANTS TO GO HOME. JUST RETURN TO EARTH AND TRY MY HAND AT BEING PLAIN OLD RICHARD RIDER.

AS IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE NOW.

PETER THINKS I SHOULD GET NOVA CORPS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. PETER THINKS TOO MUCH.



I THINK I'M GOING TO DECIDE NOT TO DECIDE. NOT YET.

WE SAVED THE UNIVERSE.

HAD TO SAY THAT ONCE JUST TO HEAR HOW IT SOUNDS. SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD.

NOVA CORPS
OPERATIVE: 11249-44396/
RICHARD RIDER, OUT.

KREE-LAR. CODED TERRITORY.
ARMISTICE DAY, PLUS 9.

DISGUSTING.

HAD SHE NOT DIED IN THE BIRTHING, I
WOULD HAVE SLAIN HER WHERE SHE
HUNCHED, IF ONLY FOR MY HAVING TO
WITNESS SUCH A GROTESQUE SPECTACLE.

THE ENTIRETY OF
SKRULL TERRITORIES
AND SELECT KREE
DOMINIONS ARE MINE
TO RULE, BUT ONLY
AS CARETAKER.

ONE KILLING
STROKE IS ALL
IT WOULD TAKE
AND I COULD
CLAIM IT ALL.

NO. HONOR, HOWEVER CALLOW
AND MISPLACED, TRANSCENDS
ALL. I SWORE AN OATH TO SEE
THIS THROUGH.

HIS IS THE WILL AND
THE WAY. RAVENOUS
LIVES TO SERVE.

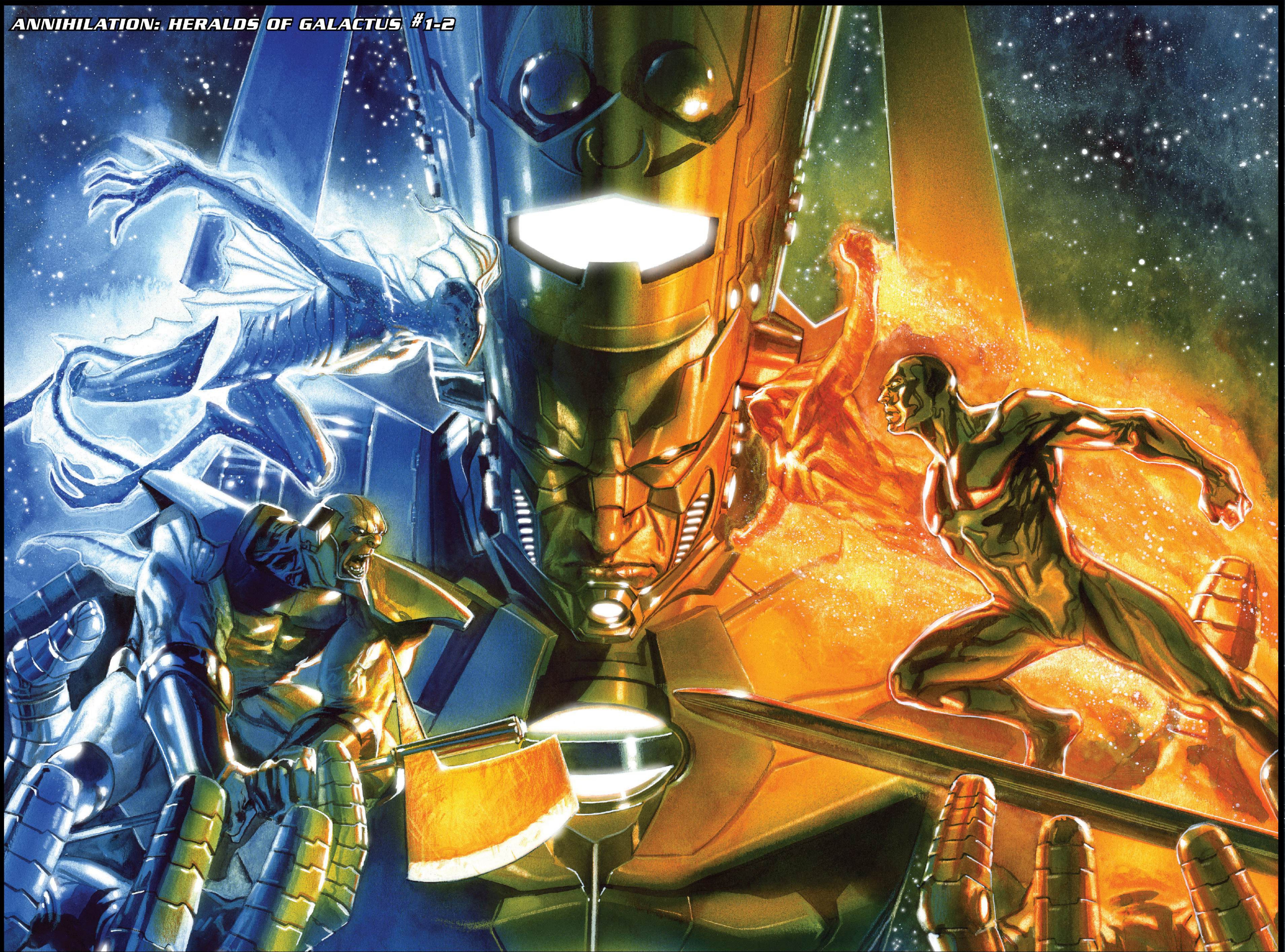
THIS UNIVERSE WILL KNOW
THE LORD ANNIHILUS' WRATH.
EVERY LIVING THING WILL
SUFFER FOR THE INDIGNITIES
HEAPED UPON HIM.

AND SO IT
BEGINS...
CONTINUITY
IS ASSURED.

**THE LORD
ANNIHILLUS
LIVES!**



ANNIHILATION: HERALDS OF GALACTUS #1-2



ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 222.
ANNIHILATION WAVE BATTLE CRUISER CH'TRRK.
DEEP SPACE.



YOU
POSITIVE-MATTER
CREATURES
ARE A STUBBORN
LOT.



YOUR
RESISTANCE TO
THE PARASITES THAT
COMPEL YOU TO OBEY
LORD ANNIHILUS IS
POINTLESS...BUT
ANNOYING.

YOU
ARE BURNING
THEM OUT SO
QUICKLY, WE MUST
REPLACE THEM
AFTER EACH
BATTLE.



I REALIZE THEIR MERE PRESENCE
IS EXCRUCIATINGLY PAINFUL TO
YOUR PRIMITIVE BODIES. BUT EACH
NEW INFESTATION MUST HURT
TWICE AS MUCH.

PERHAPS IF YOU
STOPPED RESISTING LORD
ANNIHILUS' DIVINE WILL, WE
WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO
THIS QUITE SO OFTEN.

GOOD.

VERY WELL,
ADMIRAL DEKO. WE
WILL STOP.

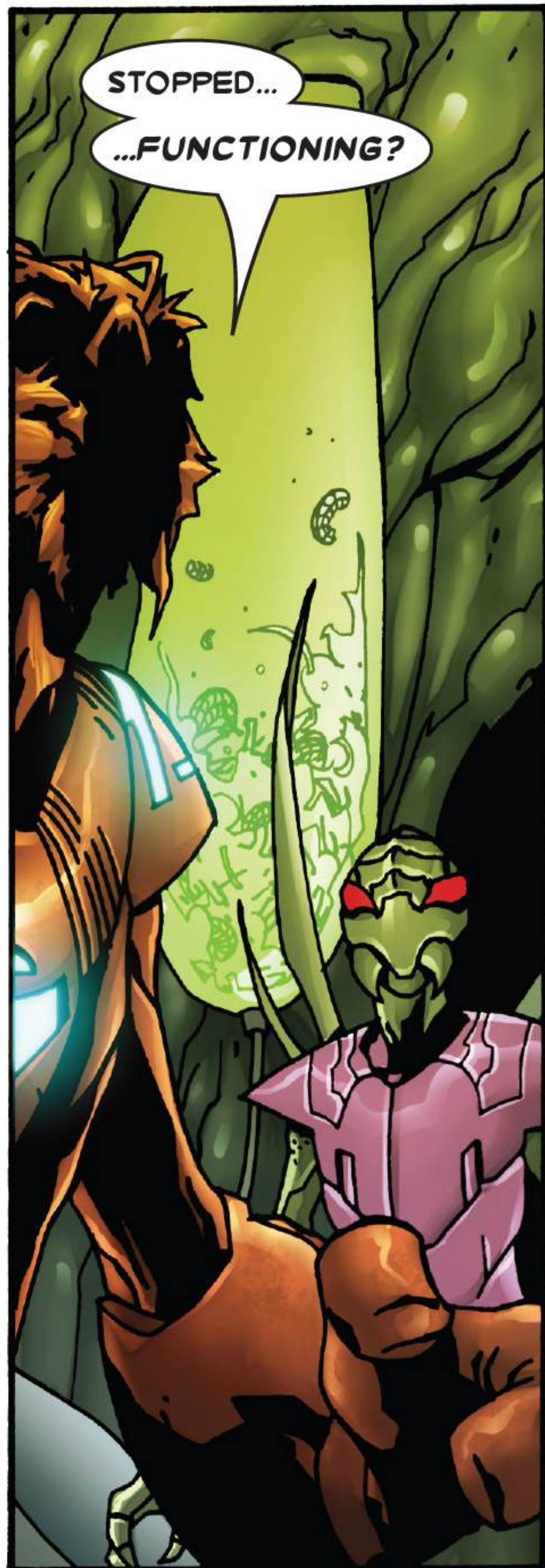


FOR YOUR
"DIVINE" LORD
ANNIHILUS HAS
FALLEN.

BLASPHEMY!
HOW CAN YOU
MAKE SUCH A
BASE CLAIM?

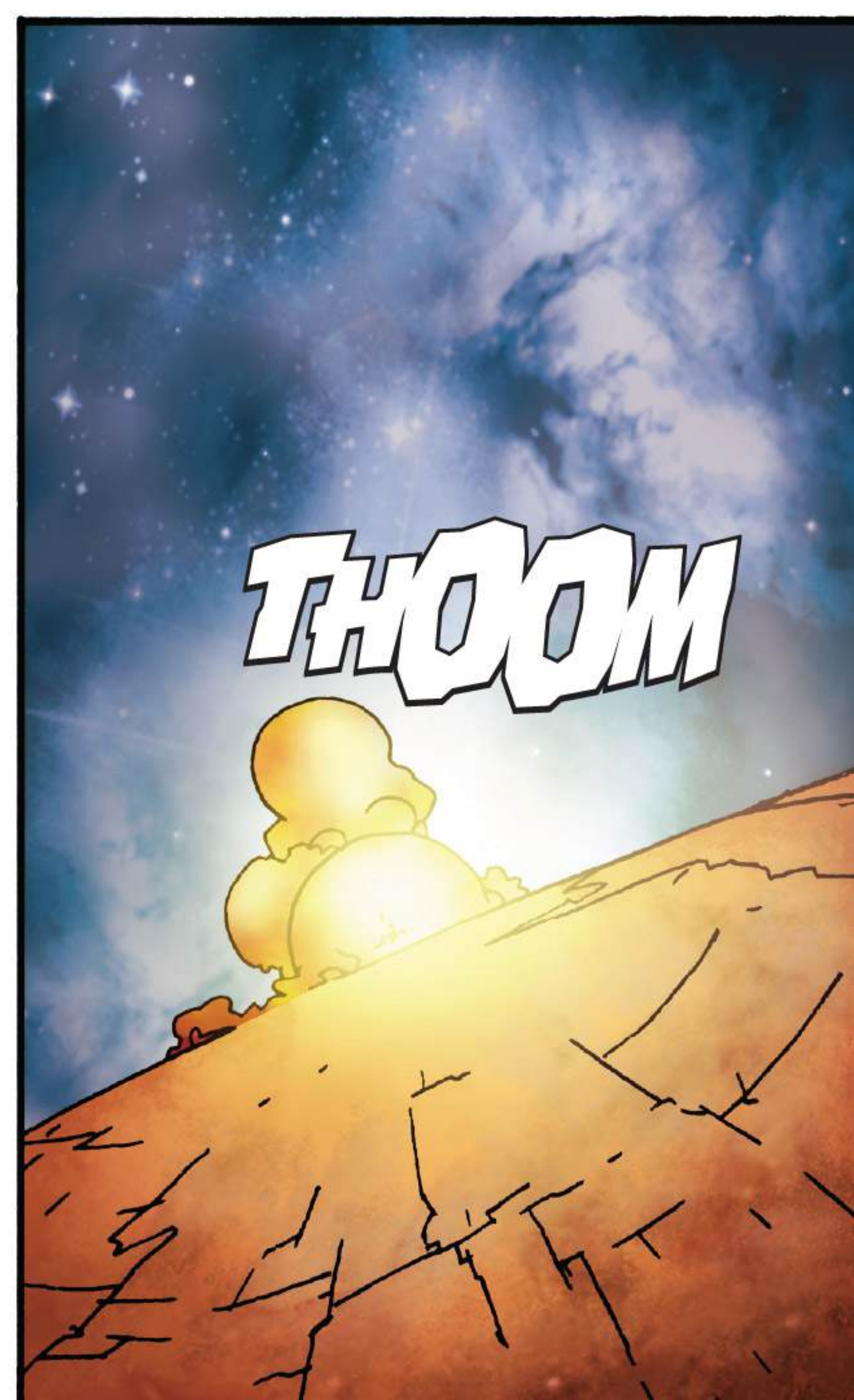
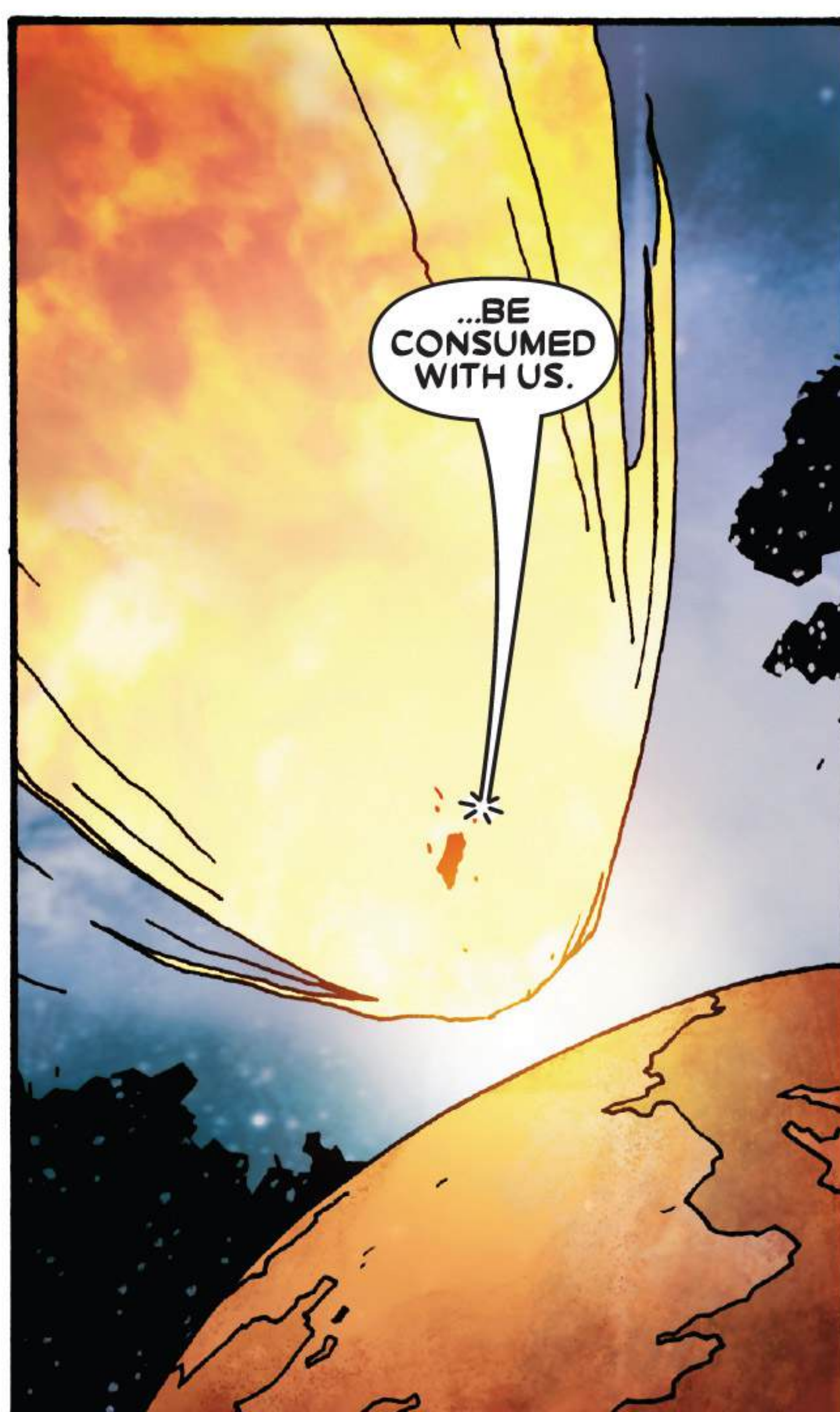


BECAUSE YOUR
PARASITES HAVE
JUST STOPPED
FUNCTIONING.



HERALDS OF GALACTUS: TERRA PARASITES





TERRAX!

TERRAX.

DIE!

DO NOT BE
ALARMED. THIS IS
HIS USUAL FORM
OF GREETING.

GODS!

SHRAKK

CALM YOURSELF,
TERRAX. WE ARE
AMONG ALLIES.

THIS IS
CHANDRA. SHE
PULLED US FROM
THE BURNING
WRECKAGE.

HUNH. THEN
WE SURVIVED,
IN SPITE OF YOUR
WOMANLY
WAILING.



WE DID. I CHANGED MY SHAPE INTO THAT OF A FOMALHAUTIAN AMOEBOID TO ABSORB THE IMPACT.

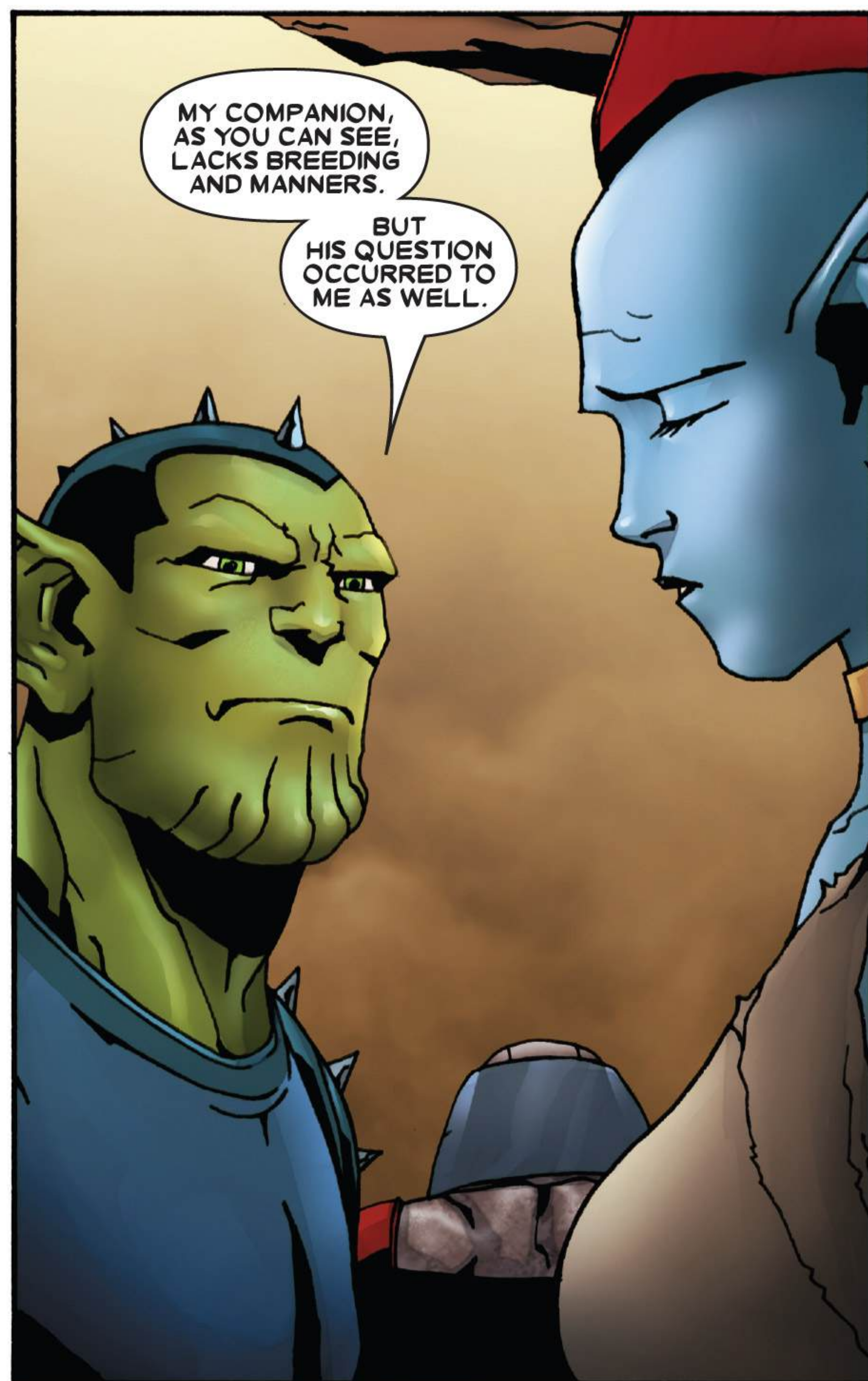
THE DELINQUENT PROTECTED HIMSELF WITH AN ENERGY-COCOON. YOU, APPARENTLY, ARE SIMPLY TOO **OBSTINATE** TO DIE.



YET WE ALL MIGHT HAVE PERISHED IN THE FLAMES, HAD CHANDRA NOT CARRIED US TO SAFETY.

I SEE.

AND WHAT DOES THE WENCH WANT FROM US?



MY COMPANION, AS YOU CAN SEE, LACKS BREEDING AND MANNERS.

BUT HIS QUESTION OCCURRED TO ME AS WELL.



PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I WOULD HAVE RESCUED YOU REGARDLESS. BUT NOW THAT I BEHOLD YOUR GREAT **POWER**, THERE...*IS* A BOON I WOULD ASK.

OF COURSE THERE IS.

WHAT DO YOU REQUIRE?



I AM A CENTAURIAN. BUT AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, THIS IS NOT MY HOME PLANET.

NONE OF THOSE YOU SEE ARE NATIVE TO THIS PLACE. WE WERE ALL BROUGHT HERE BY FORCE, FOR ONE PURPOSE...



"...TO FEED THE UNQUENCHABLE HUNGER OF RANDAU, THE SPACE PARASITE."



SPEAK NOT OF UNQUENCHABLE HUNGER TO A FORMER HERALD OF GALACTUS, WOMAN.

YOU WIELD THE POWER COSMIC?

THEN PERHAPS WE HAVE A CHANCE, AFTER ALL.



"BUT DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF RANDAU. WHEREAS GALACTUS FEEDS ON PLANETS, THE SPACE PARASITE SATIS HIS HUNGER ON THE LIFE ENERGY OF LIVING BEINGS.

"THE MORE HE ABSORBS, THE MORE POWERFUL HE BECOMES."



SOME TIME AGO, HE CAME TO THIS PLANET AND CONQUERED IT. HE FED OFF THE POPULACE, GROWING STRONG, BUT ALLOWING THEM TO LIVE--

-- THAT HE MAY FEED OFF THEM ENDLESSLY. WHEN A SHIP STRAYS TOO NEAR, HE SHOOTS IT DOWN WITH HIS WEAPON, THE SOLAR SCEPTER...



...AND ADDS ITS CREW TO HIS COLLECTION. THAT IS HOW WE CAME HERE.

YOU ARE ALL...**SLAVES?** CAPTIVES?



WHY HAVE YOU NOT OVERTHROWN THIS RANDAU? WHY HAVE YOU NOT RISEN UP AND **DESTROYED** HIM, OR PERISHED IN THE ATTEMPT?

THE GROUP OF OFFWORLDERS YOU SEE BEFORE YOU SEEKS TO DO JUST THAT. BUT WE LACK THE NECESSARY POWER.

ARE THERE NO MORE OF YOU ON THIS PLANET?



THE NATIVES. BUT THEY ARE WEAK OF WILL, AND FEEL IT IS FUTILE TO RESIST RANDAU.

HE ALLOWS THOSE WHO DO NOT DEFY HIM TO LIVE... EXCEPT FOR A SACRIFICE EVERY THIRD MOON, WHICH HE DRAINS OF LIFE ENTIRELY.

FOR MOST, THAT IS ACCEPTABLE.

ENOUGH.



I WILL ABIDE THIS PLANET OF WEAKLINGS AND COWARDS NO MORE.

CURSE YOU, TERRAX, GET BACK HERE!



RRUMBLL



YOU HAVE THE SENSE
AND SELF-CONTROL
OF A HATCHLING.

IF RANDAU STRIKES YOU DOWN
AND STEALS YOUR COSMIC
ENERGY, HE WILL GAIN THE
POWER TO DESTROY US
ALL! ONLY BY ATTACKING
HIM **TOGETHER**
CAN WE--

I AM TERRAX.
RANDAU CANNOT
HARM ME. NOW
MOVE YOURSELF,
SKRULL--



--OR END UP
IN MORE PIECES
THAN YOUR WALL
OF ICE!

KRAKK

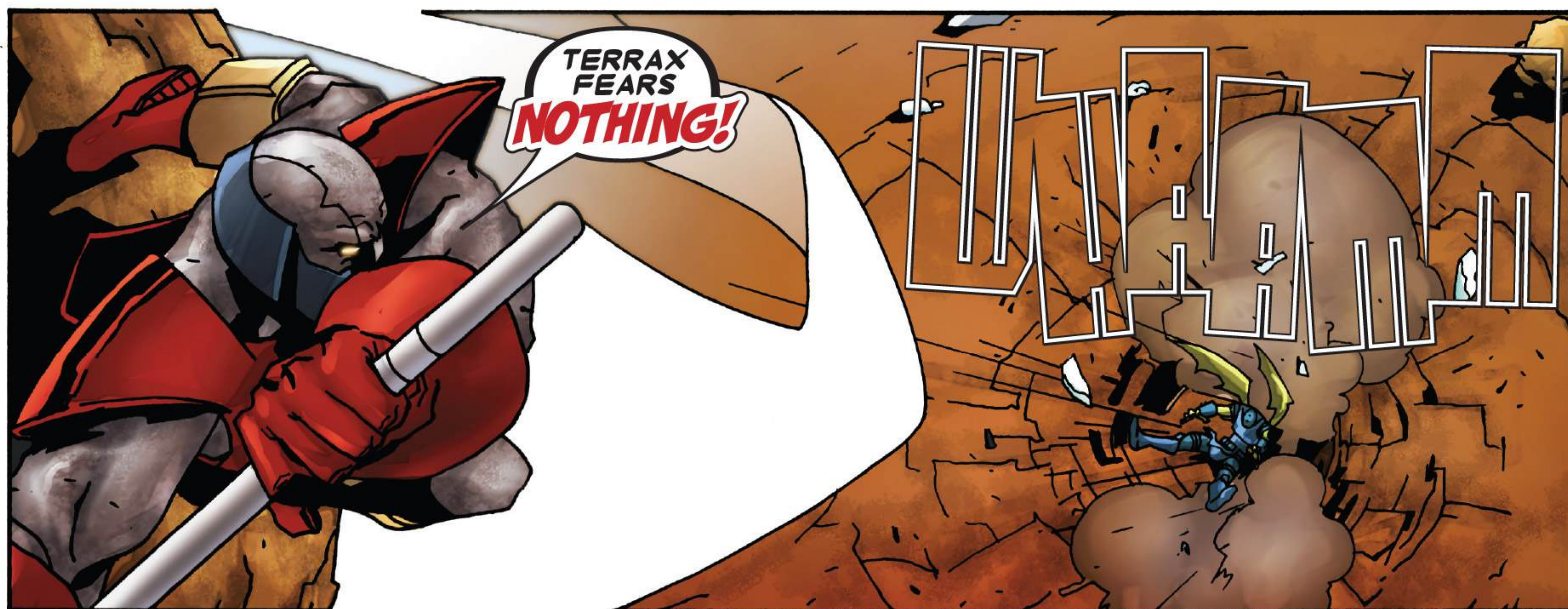


SURELY
EVEN YOU CANNOT
BELIEVE YOUR EMPTY
BOASTS.

SHALL I NAME
THOSE WHO HAVE LAID
YOU LOW? ANNIHILUS.
THE SILVER SURFER. THE
FANTASTIC FOUR.

SILENCE!

OR PERHAPS
THAT'S WHY YOU
RUSH TO **FLEE** SO
QUICKLY. PERHAPS THE
MIGHTY TERRAX FEARS
MEETING DEFEAT
ONCE AGAIN--



TERRAX
FEARS
NOTHING!



I WILL AID YOU, WOMAN. I SHALL DESTROY THIS SPACE PARASITE.

BUT FOR ONE REASON ALONE. BECAUSE IT IS HIGH TIME THE UNIVERSE REFERRED TO TERRAX AS "THE TAMER" ONCE AGAIN.

YOU HAVE MY THANKS. AND OUR ARMY--



IS USELESS, EXCEPT AS CANNON FODDER.

PAIBOK, THE DELINQUENT'S ABILITY TO TRANSMUTE MATTER--

YES, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.



UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MIND SEEMS TO HAVE RESPONDED TO HIS ORDEAL BY RETREATING INTO MADNESS.

HE HAS REGRESSED TO AN INFANTILE STATE. HE WILL NOT HEAR US, NOR RESPOND TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS.

EVEN INFANTS HAVE AN INSTINCT FOR SELF-PRESERVATION.



YOU SAID HE USED HIS POWER TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM THE CRASH. IF WE PUT HIM IN HARM'S WAY--

--PERHAPS HE WILL LASH OUT AT THOSE INFLECTING THE HARM.



YOUR RUTHLESSNESS WOULD TAKE YOU FAR IN THE SKRULL ARMADA.

WHAT LITTLE IS LEFT OF IT.

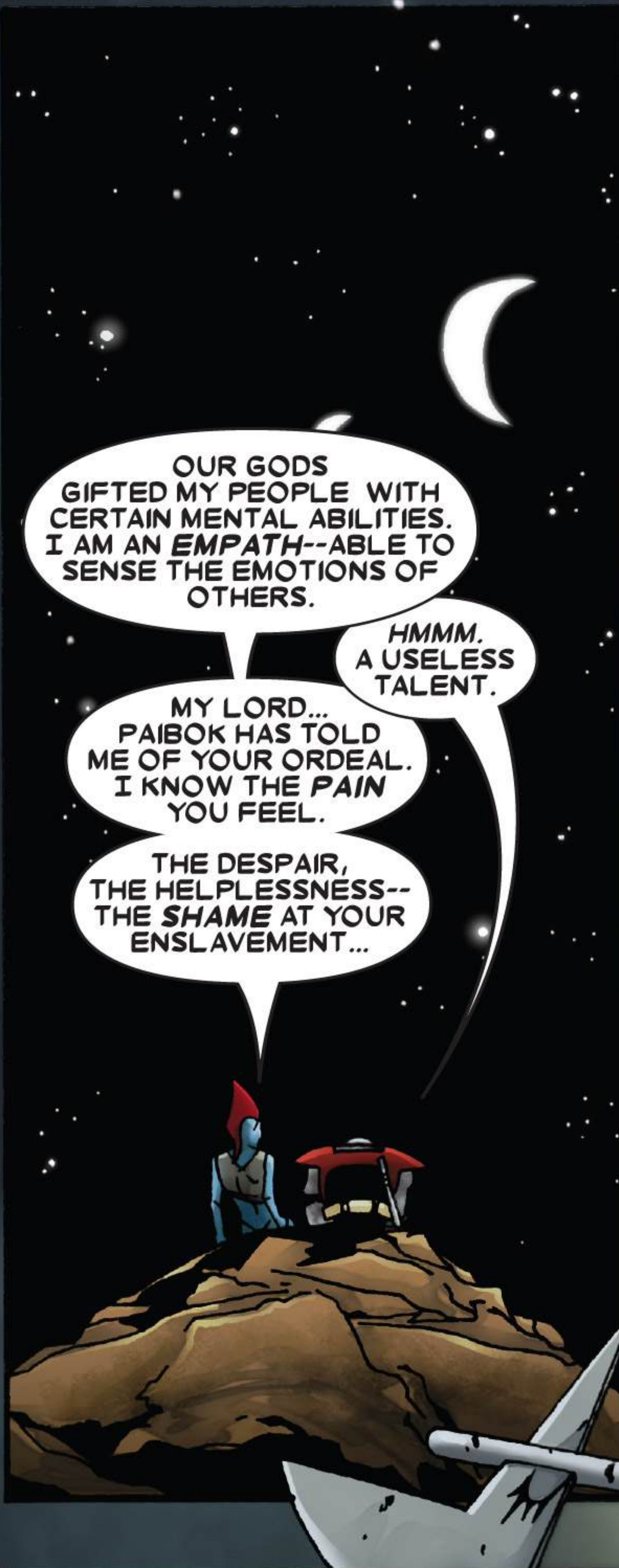
INSTRUCT YOUR FORCES TO REST, CENTAURIAN. WE ATTACK ON THE MORROW.



YOU DO NOT SLEEP, MIGHTY ONE?

I HAVE NO NEED. MY ENERGIES ARE REPLENISHED BY THE COSMOS ITSELF.

YOU, HOWEVER, SHOULD REST. YOU ARE THE SOLE MEMBER OF YOUR "ARMY" WE HAVE NEED OF--TO GUIDE US TO OUR ENEMY.



OUR GODS GIFTED MY PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN MENTAL ABILITIES. I AM AN *EMPATH*--ABLE TO SENSE THE EMOTIONS OF OTHERS.

HMMM. A USELESS TALENT.

MY LORD... PAIBOK HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR ORDEAL. I KNOW THE PAIN YOU FEEL.

THE DESPAIR, THE HELPLESSNESS-- THE *SHAME* AT YOUR ENSLAVEMENT...

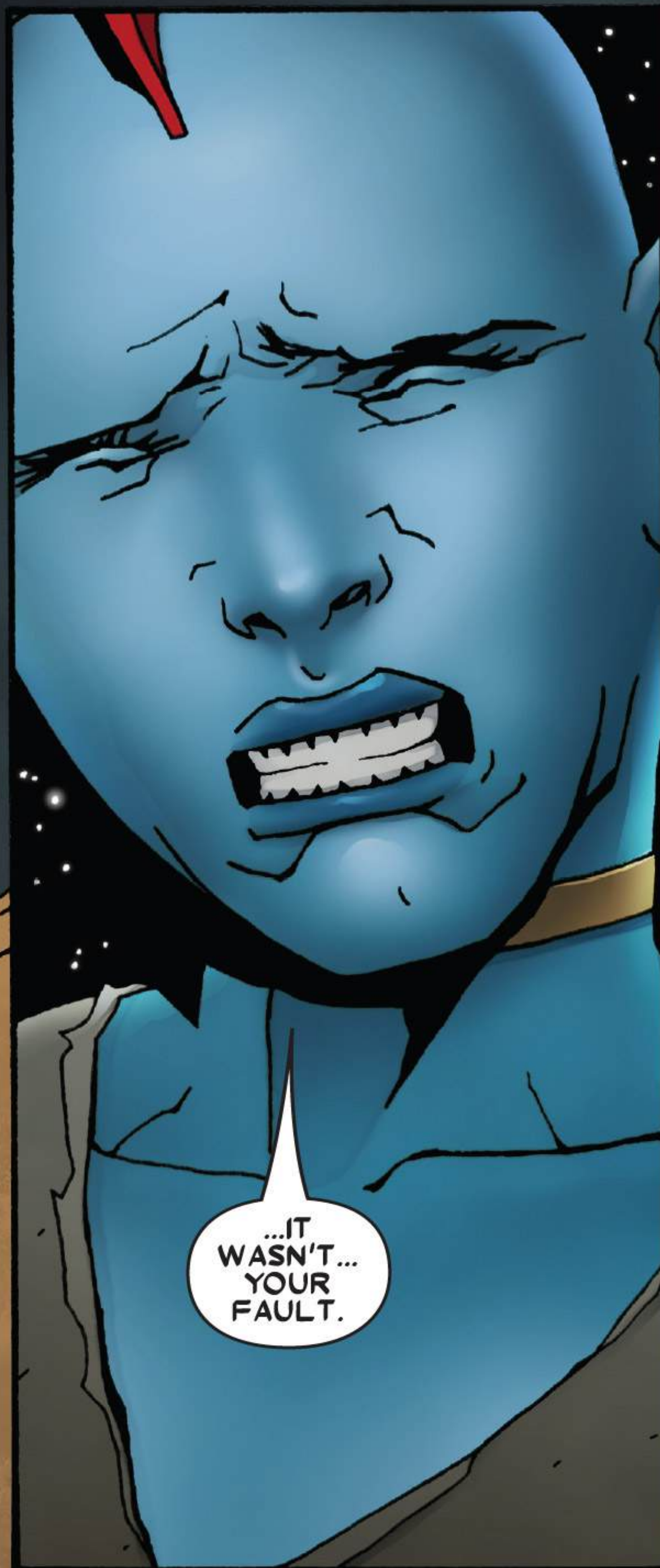


HOW DARE YOU, PRIMITIVE?

SHAME IS UNKNOWN TO TERRAX THE TAMER! DESPAIR, HELPLESSNESS, THESE ARE FOR *LESSER BEINGS*! I SHOULD GRIND YOUR BONES TO PASTE--

GHHK-- IT-HKK--

RRUMBL



...IT WASN'T... YOUR FAULT.



WHUD



TOMORROW...

...THIS PLANET SHALL RUN RED WITH BLOOD.

RANDAU CITY,
NEW HERON.

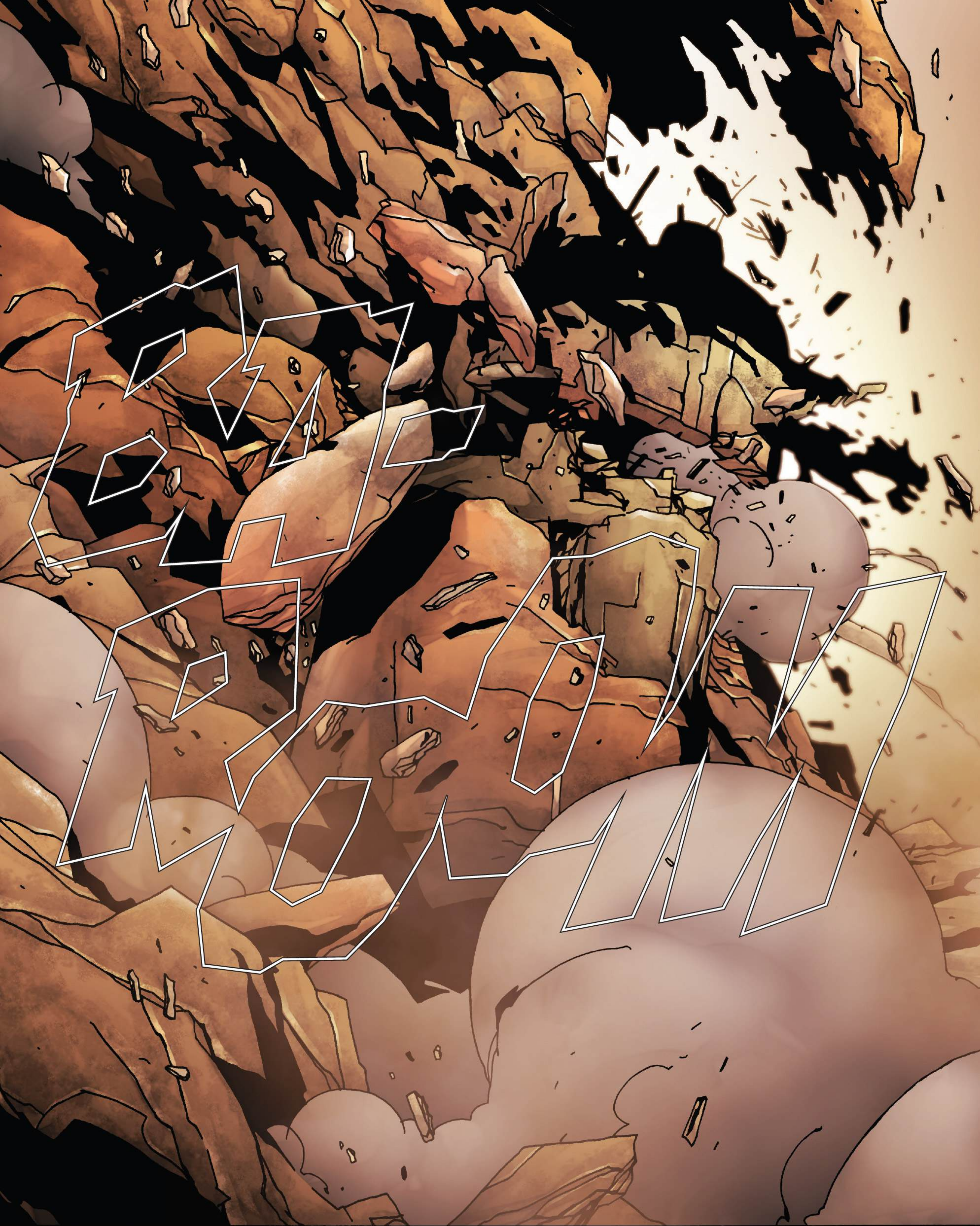


PALACE OF RANDAU,
THE SPACE PARASITE.



RRRRMMMMBBLL













YOU
WANT MY
POWER?

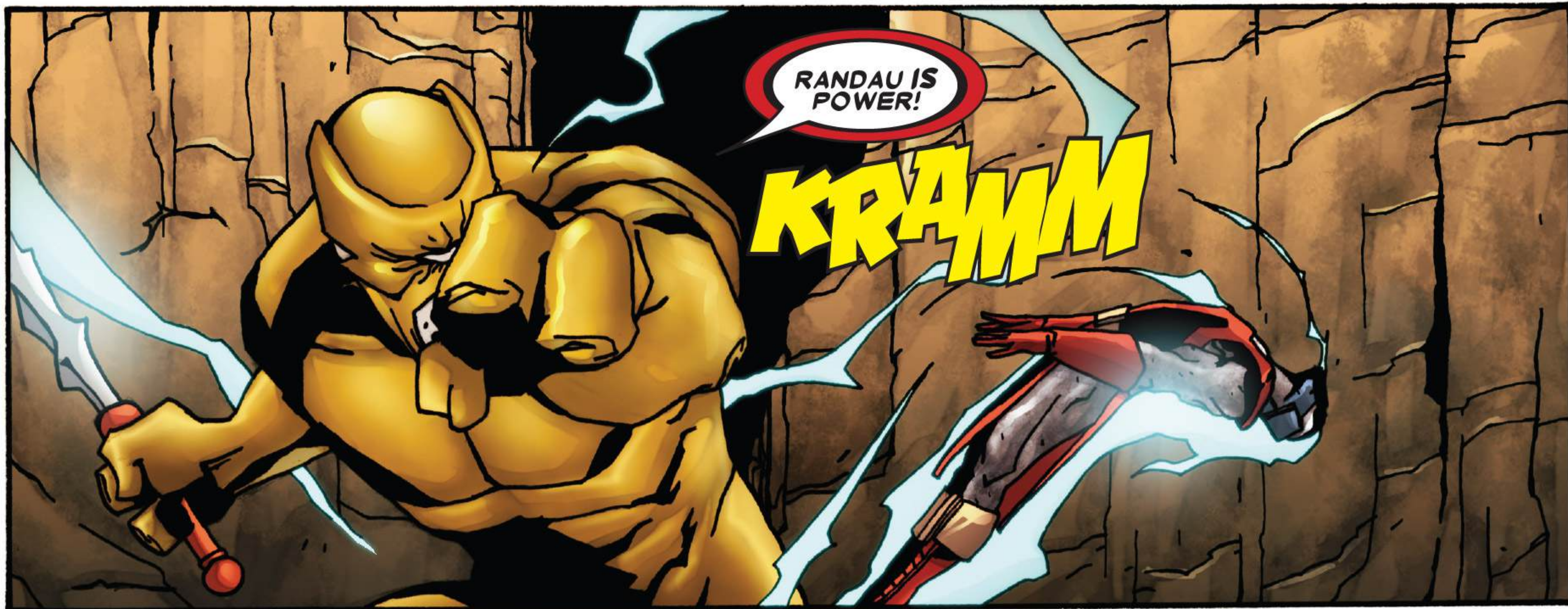


TAKE IT
ALL!

SHRAZZZZ

IM...
IMPOSSIBLE...

FOOL.
YOU
CANNOT
OVERLOAD
RANDAU WITH
POWER.





I SEE
MY ERROR
NOW.

I ASSAULTED
YOU WITH COSMIC ENERGY,
WHEN ENERGY ONLY MAKES
YOU STRONGER.



BUT I CAN
SHUT OFF THE
ENERGY TO MY AXE.
LEAVING IT WITH
ONE--

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--VERY
BASIC USE!

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PAIBOK.
YOU YET
LIVE.

WE SKRULLS
ARE SHAPE-SHIFTERS.
I WAS ABLE TO MOVE
MY VITAL ORGANS
OUT OF HARM'S
WAY.



WELL, TERRAX--
YOU WHO WERE ONCE
DICTATOR HAVE NOW
BECOME LIBERATOR.

IT SHAMES
ME TO ADMIT, BUT
I HAVE BEEN HAUNTED
BY THE MEMORY OF OUR
ENSLAVEMENT. IT LEFT
A PAIN--A BURNING VOID
IN MY WARRIOR'S
SPIRIT.

BUT WITH
THIS VICTORY,
IT BEGINS TO
EBB.

HRM.



CITIZENS,
YOUR ORDEAL HAS
ENDED! RANDAU IS
NO MORE.

BUT...
RANDAU PROVIDED
FOR US. PROTECTED
US FROM INVADERS.

HOW ARE
WE TO LIVE NOW?
WILL YOU NOT RULE
IN HIS STEAD?

WHAT?



THEY
PREFERRED TO
BE SLAVES?

I SUPPOSE
A BEAST OF BURDEN
WHO HAS ONLY KNOWN
THE YOKE COMES TO
FIND IT A COMFORT.

WELL, THE
SKRULL EMPIRE
MUST BE REBUILT...AND
WITH SUCH WILLING
SUBJECTS--

NO.
ENOUGH
OF THIS.



THERE WAS
ONE ON THIS MISBEGOTTEN
PLANET WHO WAS WORTHY
OF LIFE. HER BONES NOW
LITTER THE DUST.

THE REST
ARE AS MUCH
PARASITES AS THEIR
FALLEN KING.

AND
PARASITES...

**"...MUST BE
EXTERMINATED!"**





THE UNIVERSE
ONCE KNEW TERRAX
AS A CONQUEROR; A
BRINGER OF FEAR
AND DEATH.

THEY SHALL
KNOW HIM THAT
WAY AGAIN.



SHOULD YOU
SURVIVE THIS DAY,
PAIBOK, YOU WOULD
BE WISE TO SEE TO IT
OUR PATHS NEVER
AGAIN CROSS.

YES, I HAD
CONCLUDED
AS MUCH ON
MY OWN.

DELINQUENT--
YOU DID WELL TO
PROTECT US. NOW
TRY TO UNDERSTAND
ME WITH YOUR
ADDLED MIND.

YOU MUST
TRANSFORM THIS
CHUNK OF ROCK INTO
A SPACECRAFT, LEST
WE ALL PERISH.



SPACE...
CRAFT.
YES.

I
REMEMBER...
SPACECRAFT.



TERRAX...?

NO, CHILD.
TERRAX THE
TAMER TRAVELS
ALONE.

"I BELIEVE HE
ALWAYS WILL."



**DEEP SPACE.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 227.**

WHAT IS
DEATH?



AT THE DAWN OF TIME...
WHEN MATTER AND ENERGY
EXPLODED FORTH, CREATING
OUR UNIVERSE...

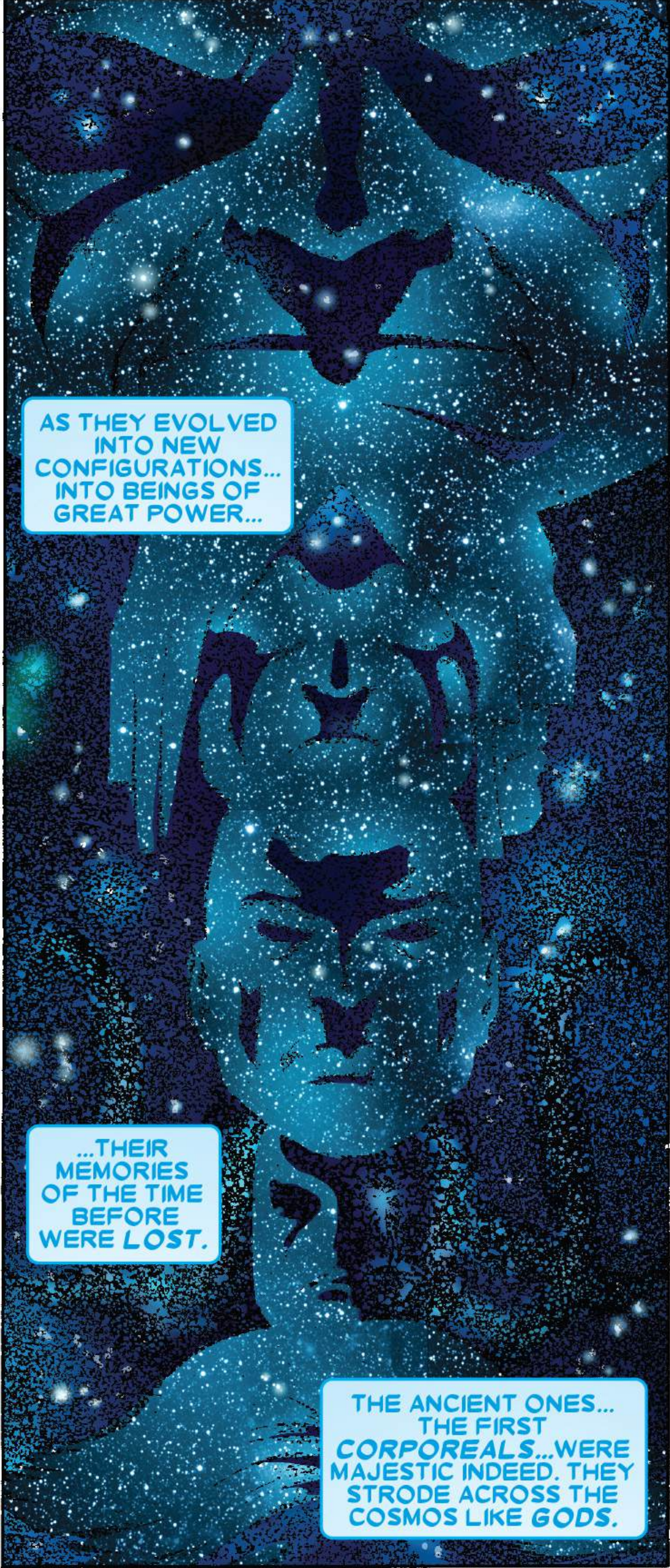
...DID ANOTHER,
OLDER UNIVERSE
HAVE TO *DIE* FIRST?



NO ONE
KNOWS FOR
SURE.

THE ONLY WITNESSES
WERE BASIC, ELEMENTARY
PARTICLES...QUARKS AND
THEIR SUBATOMIC COUSINS...

...MOST OF WHICH BROKE
DOWN QUICKLY INTO
MORE CONVENTIONAL
FORMS OF MATTER.



AS THEY EVOLVED
INTO NEW
CONFIGURATIONS...
INTO BEINGS OF
GREAT POWER...

...THEIR
MEMORIES
OF THE TIME
BEFORE
WERE LOST.

THE ANCIENT ONES...
THE FIRST
CORPOREALS...WERE
MAJESTIC INDEED. THEY
STRODE ACROSS THE
COSMOS LIKE *GODS*.

BUT NOT ALL
LIFE FOLLOWED
THEIR PATH....



SOME OF THE FIRST
PARTICLES DID NOT
BREAK DOWN.

INSTEAD, THEY REMAINED
IN FURIOUS, INCOHERENT
MOTION...AGITATED, EVER-
SEEKING...



...AS THEY FORMED
A CIVILIZATION. A
NONCORPOREAL
CIVILIZATION.

THEY BUILT GIANT MONUMENTS
FROM RADIO WAVES...CREATED
WORKS OF ART OUT OF
QUARKS, WHICH BROKE DOWN
IN PICOSECONDS INTO DULL,
INERT MATTER.

THEIR CULTURE AND THEIR
PEOPLE WERE ONE: CONSTANTLY
MUTATING, EACH PARTICLE
EVOLVING INSTANT BY INSTANT
INTO CHALLENGING NEW FORMS.

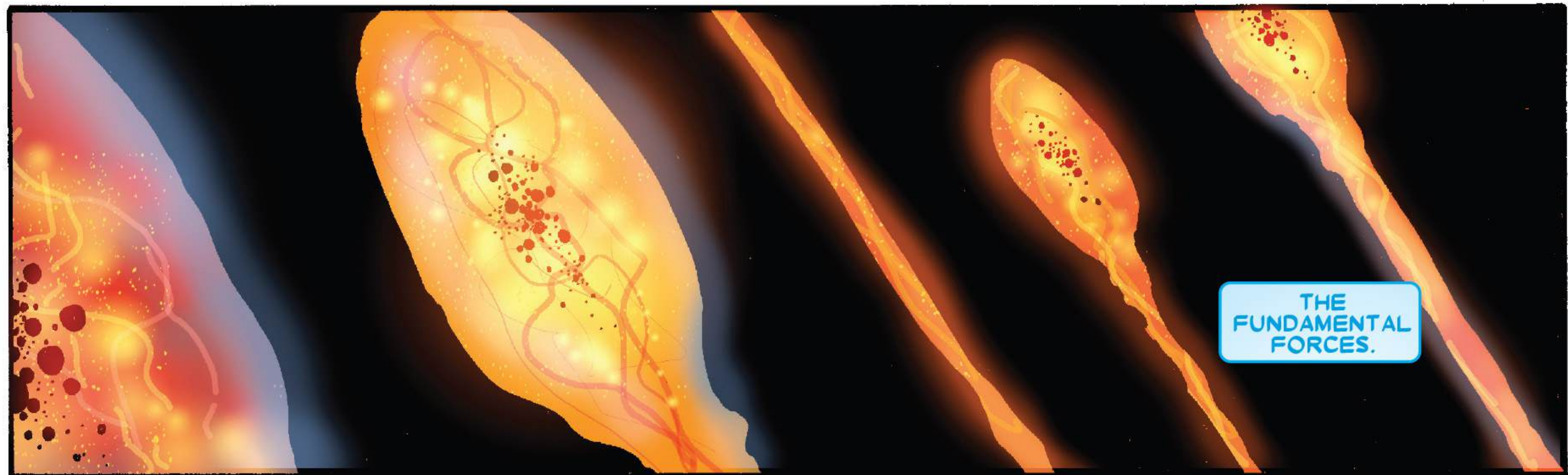
INTO THIS STIMULATING,
EVER-CHANGING, ETHEREAL
WORLD...I WAS BORN.

I DESPISED IT.

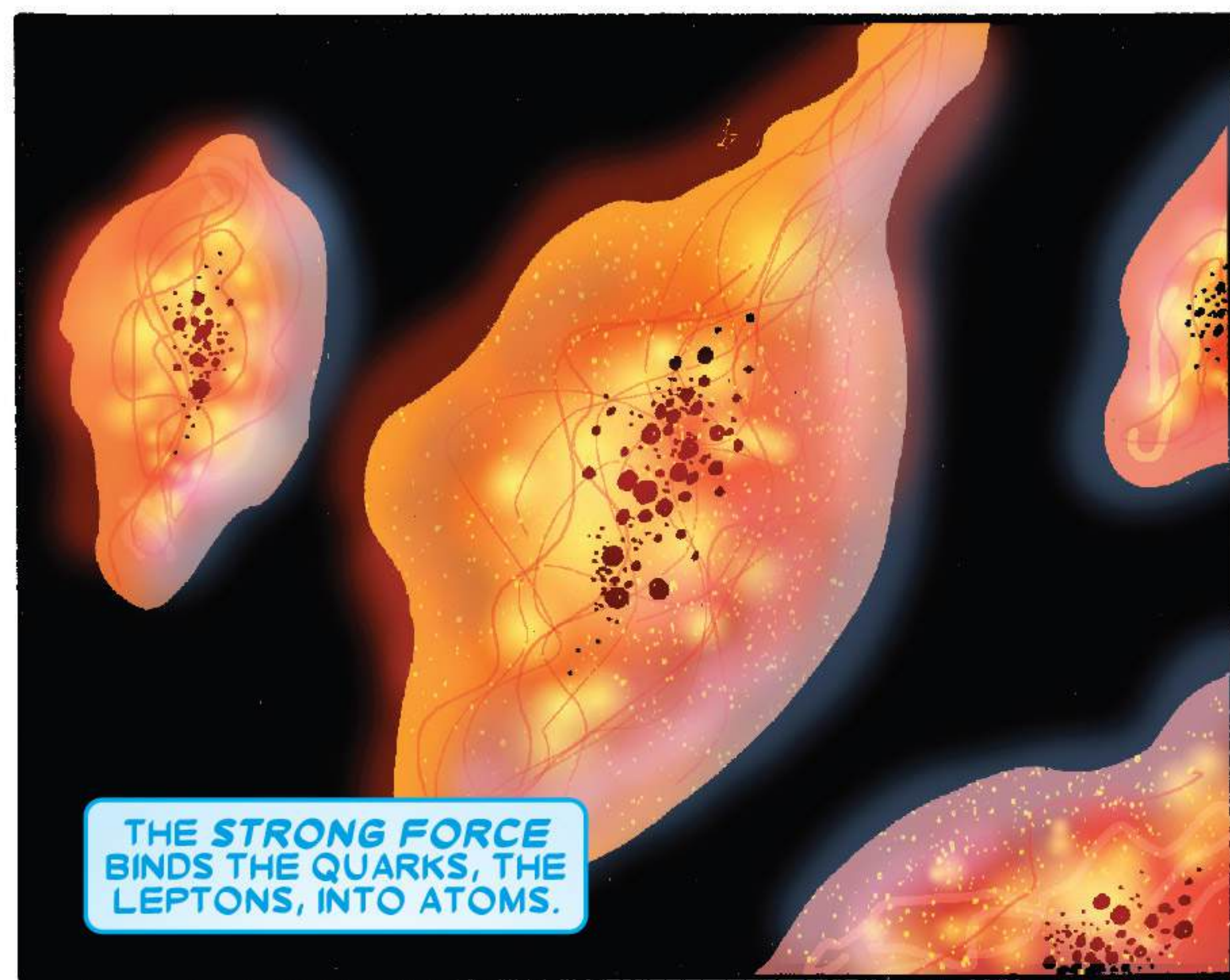


MY PEOPLE--THE *ETHEREALS*--
FEAR DEATH. BUT YOU COULD NOT
TRULY SAY THAT THEY *BELIEVE* IN IT.

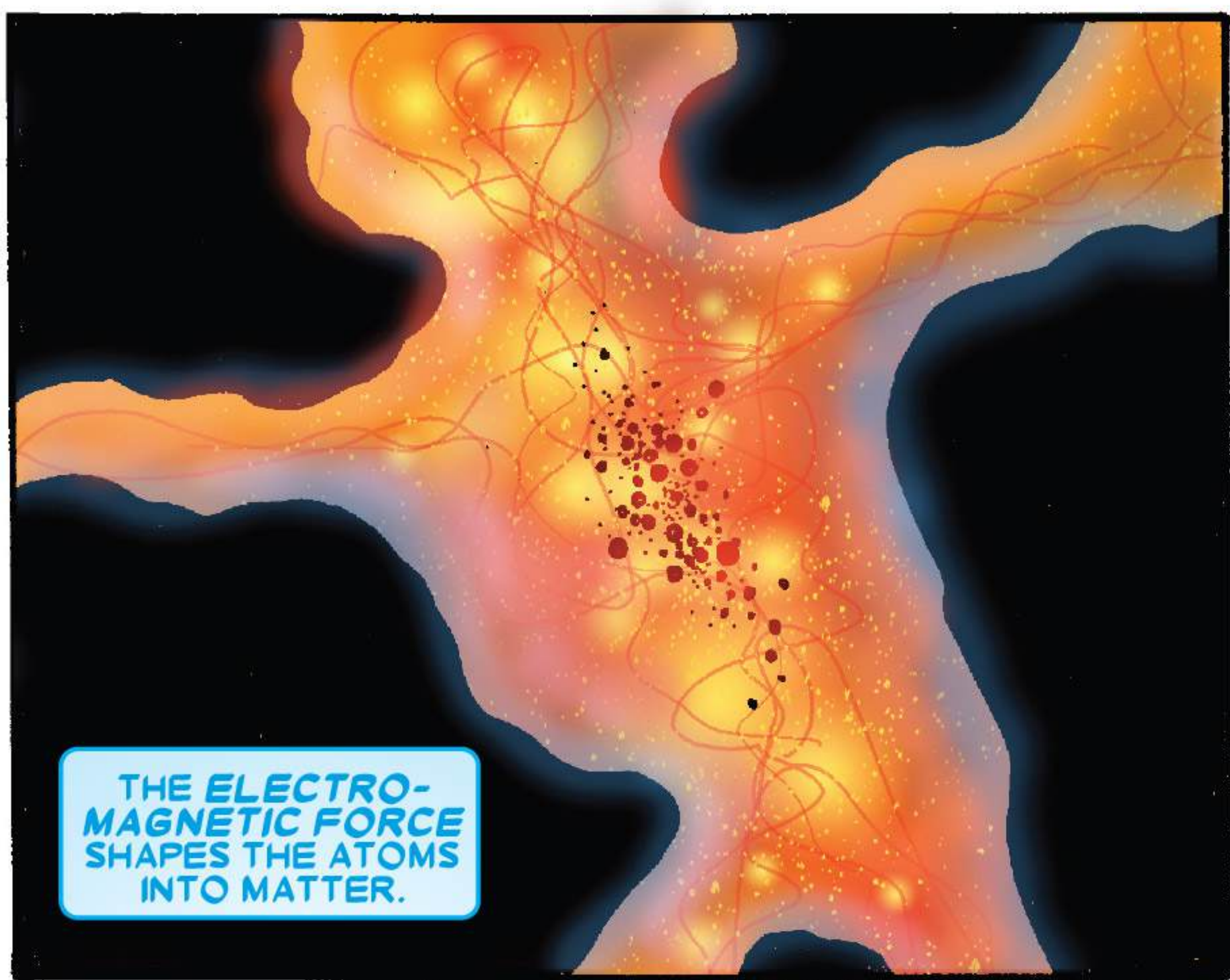
WE BELIEVE
IN ONLY FOUR
THINGS:



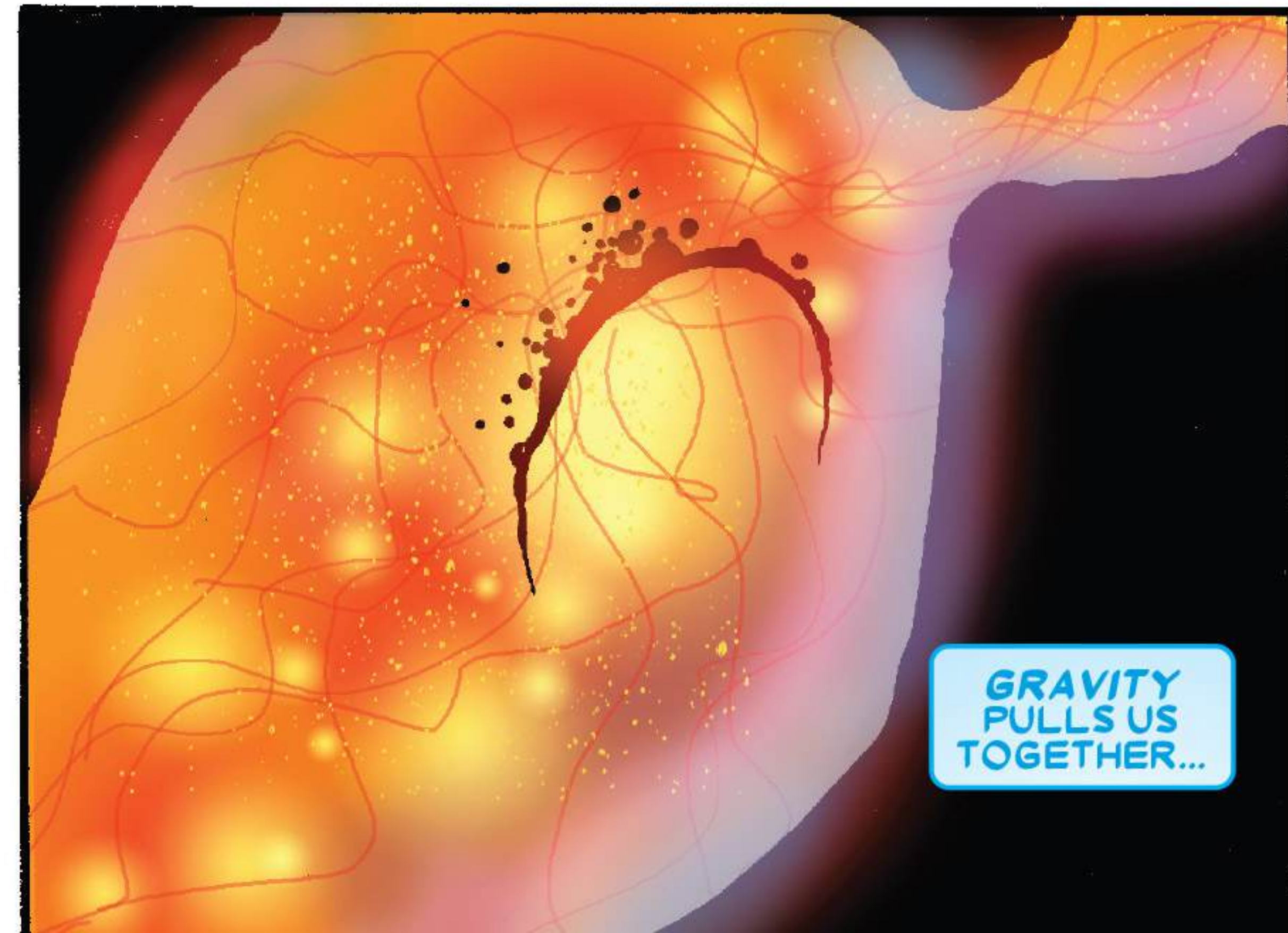
THE
FUNDAMENTAL
FORCES.



THE *STRONG FORCE*
BINDS THE QUARKS, THE
LEPTONS, INTO ATOMS.



THE *ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC FORCE*
SHAPES THE ATOMS
INTO MATTER.



GRAVITY
PULLS US
TOGETHER...



...AND THE
WEAK FORCE
MAKES US *BURN*.



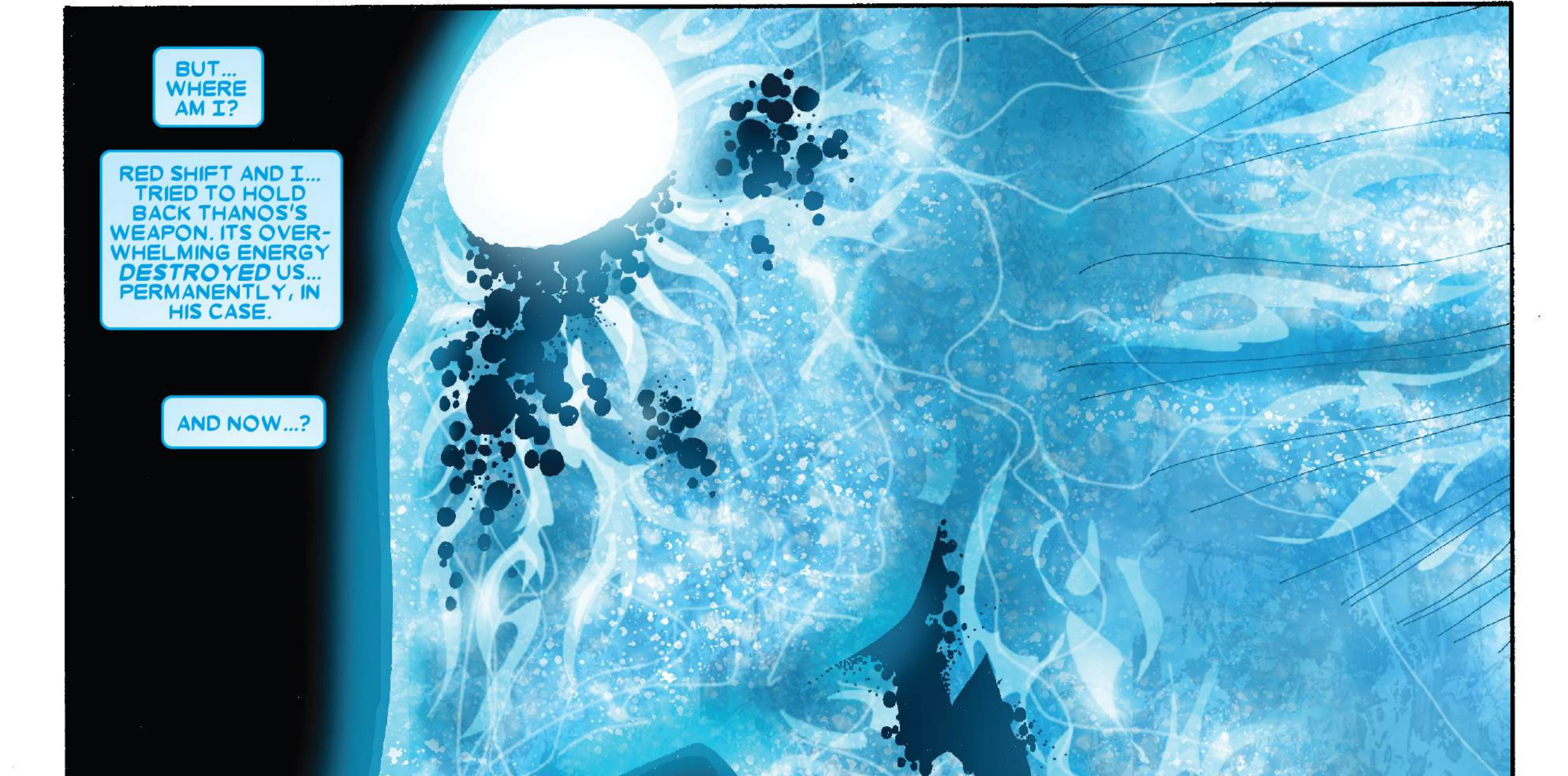
OF ALL MY PEOPLE...ONLY
I POSSESS THE STRENGTH
TO REBUILD MYSELF FROM A
BILLION SHATTERED PIECES.

FOR ONLY
I POSSESS
THE POWER
COSMIC.

I AM...

STARDUST

A DEATH OF HOPE



BUT...
WHERE
AM I?

RED SHIFT AND I...
TRIED TO HOLD
BACK THANOS'S
WEAPON. ITS OVER-
WHELMING ENERGY
DESTROYED US...
PERMANENTLY, IN
HIS CASE.

AND NOW...?

THE
ANDROMEDA
GALAXY?

A LONG WAY FROM HOME.
WHY SHOULD THE POWER
COSMIC DRAW ME
HERE, OF ALL PLACES...?



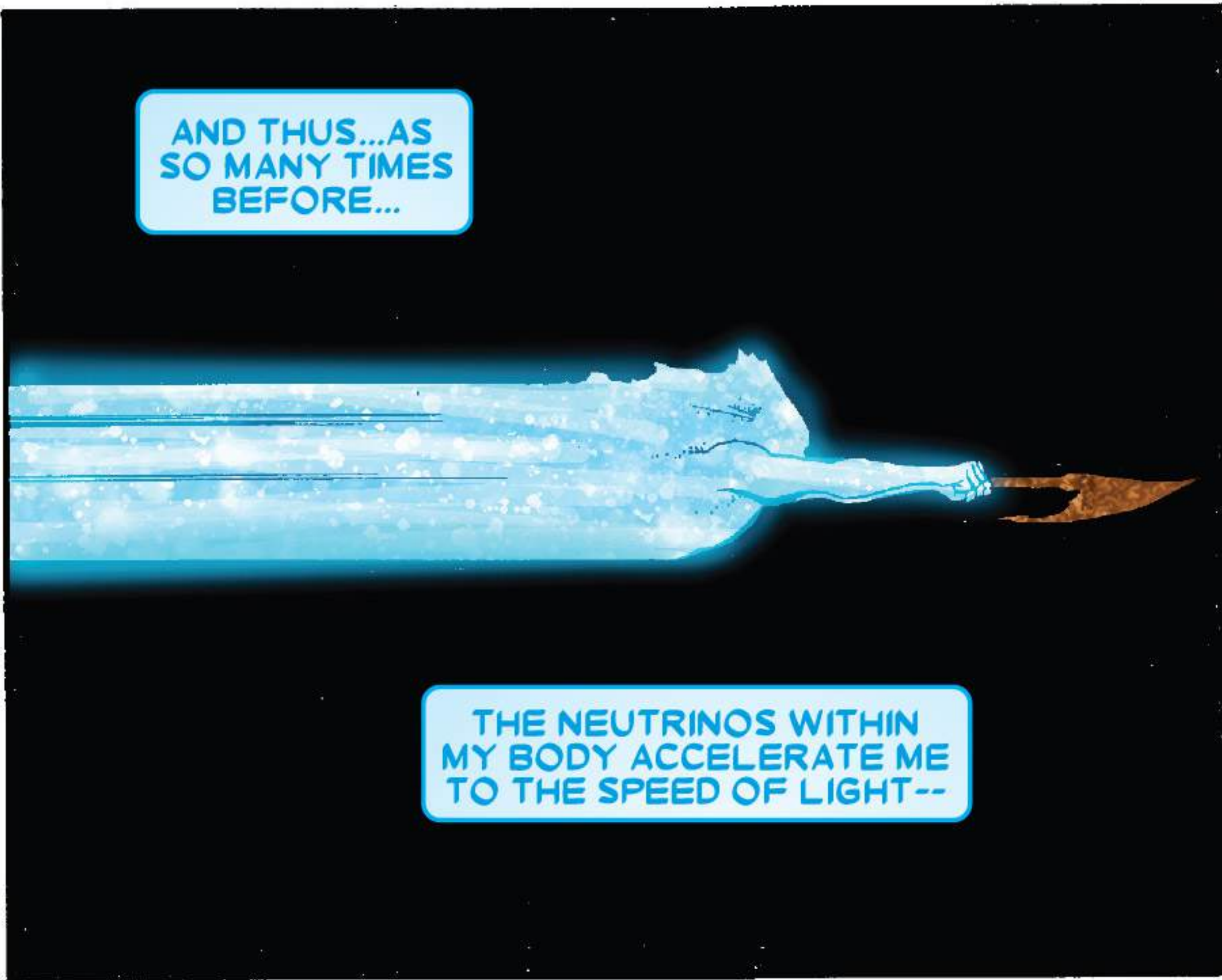
NO MATTER.
I KNOW WHAT
I MUST DO.

MY DUTY...
MY PLACE...IS
STILL CLEAR.



AND THUS...AS
SO MANY TIMES
BEFORE...

THE NEUTRINOS WITHIN
MY BODY ACCELERATE ME
TO THE SPEED OF LIGHT--



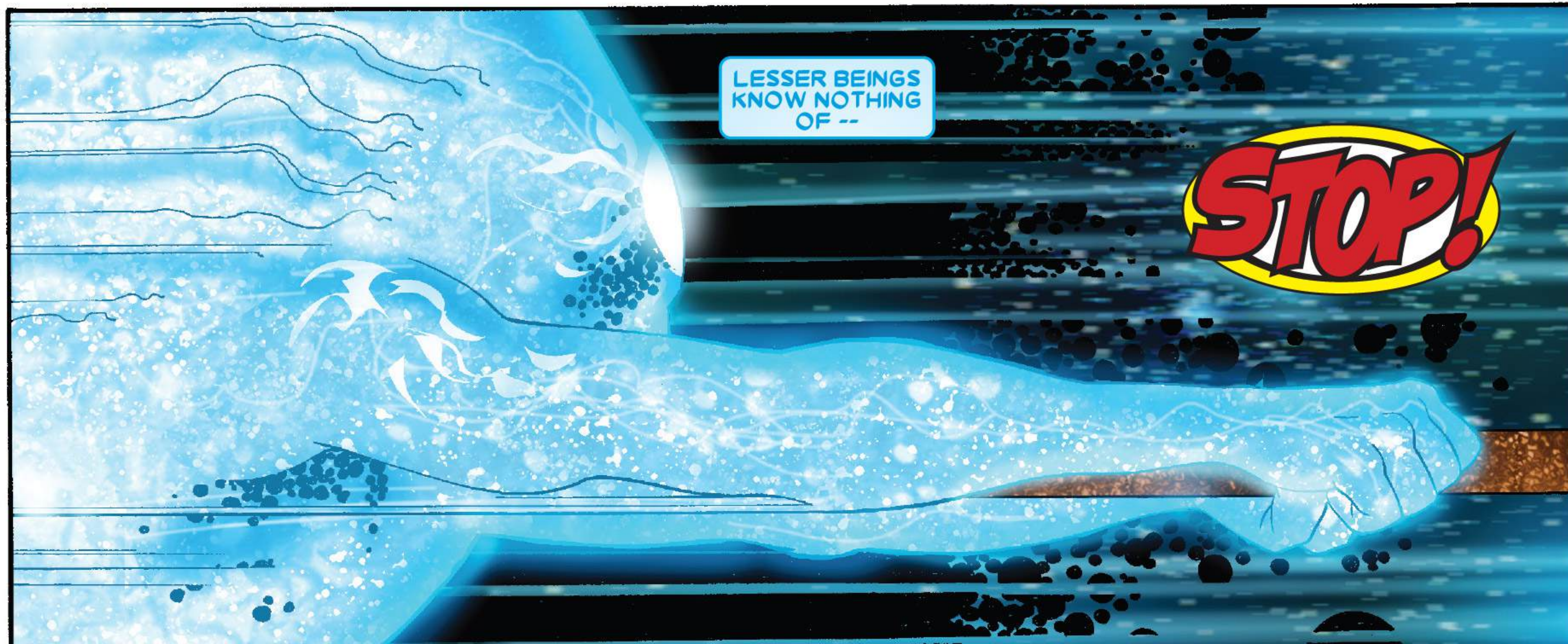
--AND THE
POWER COSMIC
KICKS ME PAST IT.

SUCH UNIMAGINABLE
ENERGY... RUSHING
THROUGH EVERY
PARTICLE OF MY BODY.

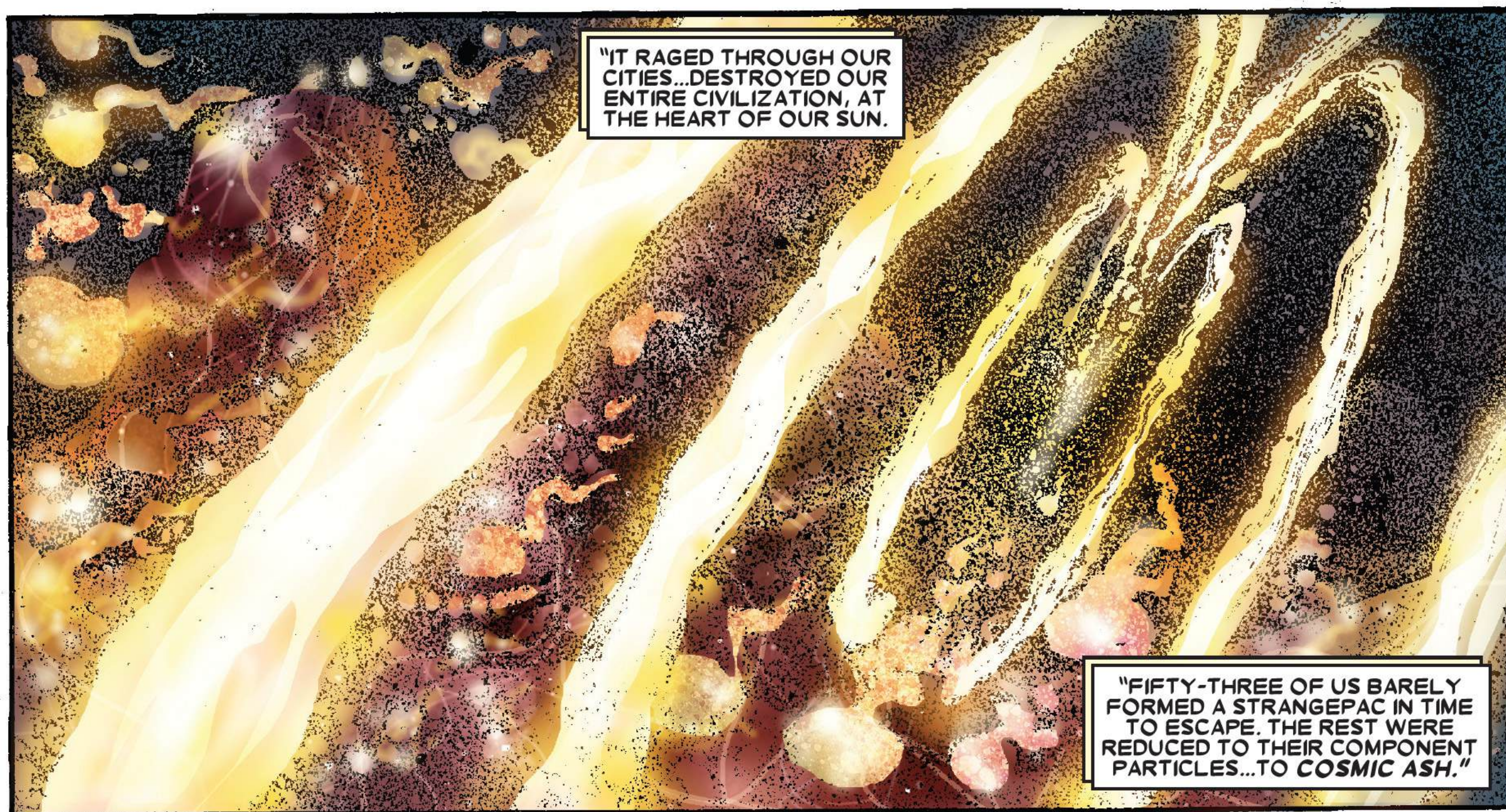
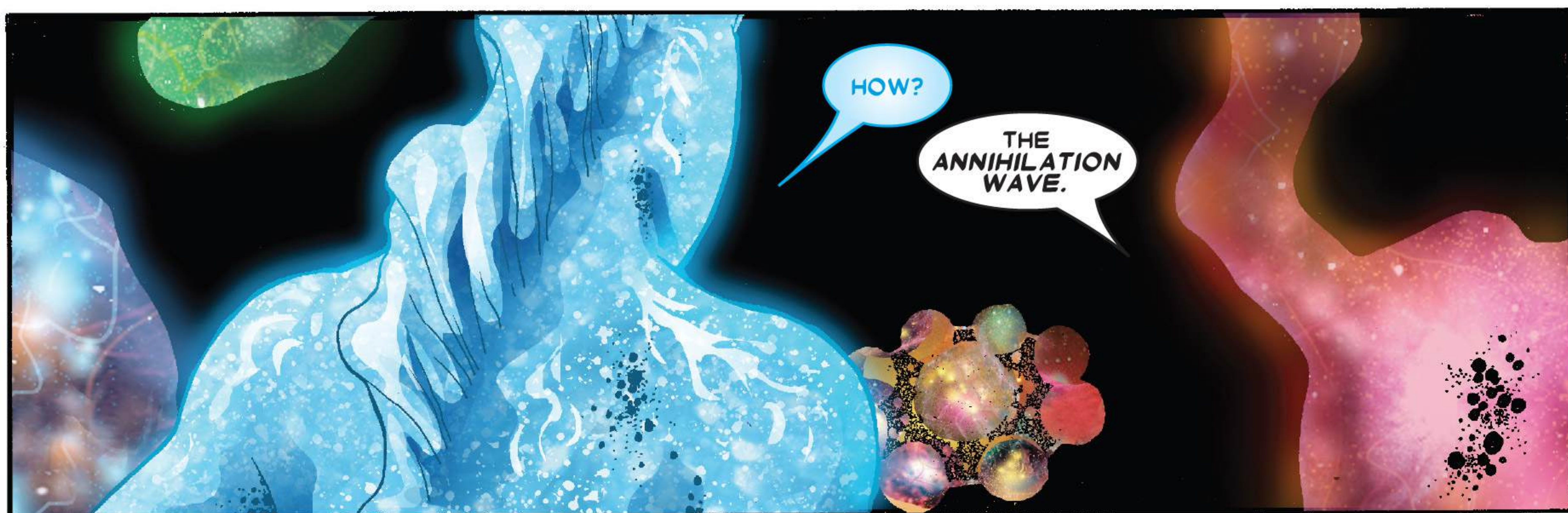


LESSER BEINGS
KNOW NOTHING
OF --

STOP!









YOU WERE OFF WITH THE SOLID ONES. THE CORPOREALS.

FIGHTING THEIR WAR...

...NOT OURS.



DO YOU DENY IT?

I...I...

NO!

I MAKE NO APOLOGIES. THEY ARE SUPERIOR BEINGS.



THEY DO NOT MERELY FLIT FROM PLACE TO PLACE, AIMLESSLY--THEY PERFORM GREAT DEEDS. THEY BUILD MAJESTIC CITIES THAT STAND PROUD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

THEY ARE MORE WORTHY THAN--



HOW DARE YOU...?
TRAITOR!

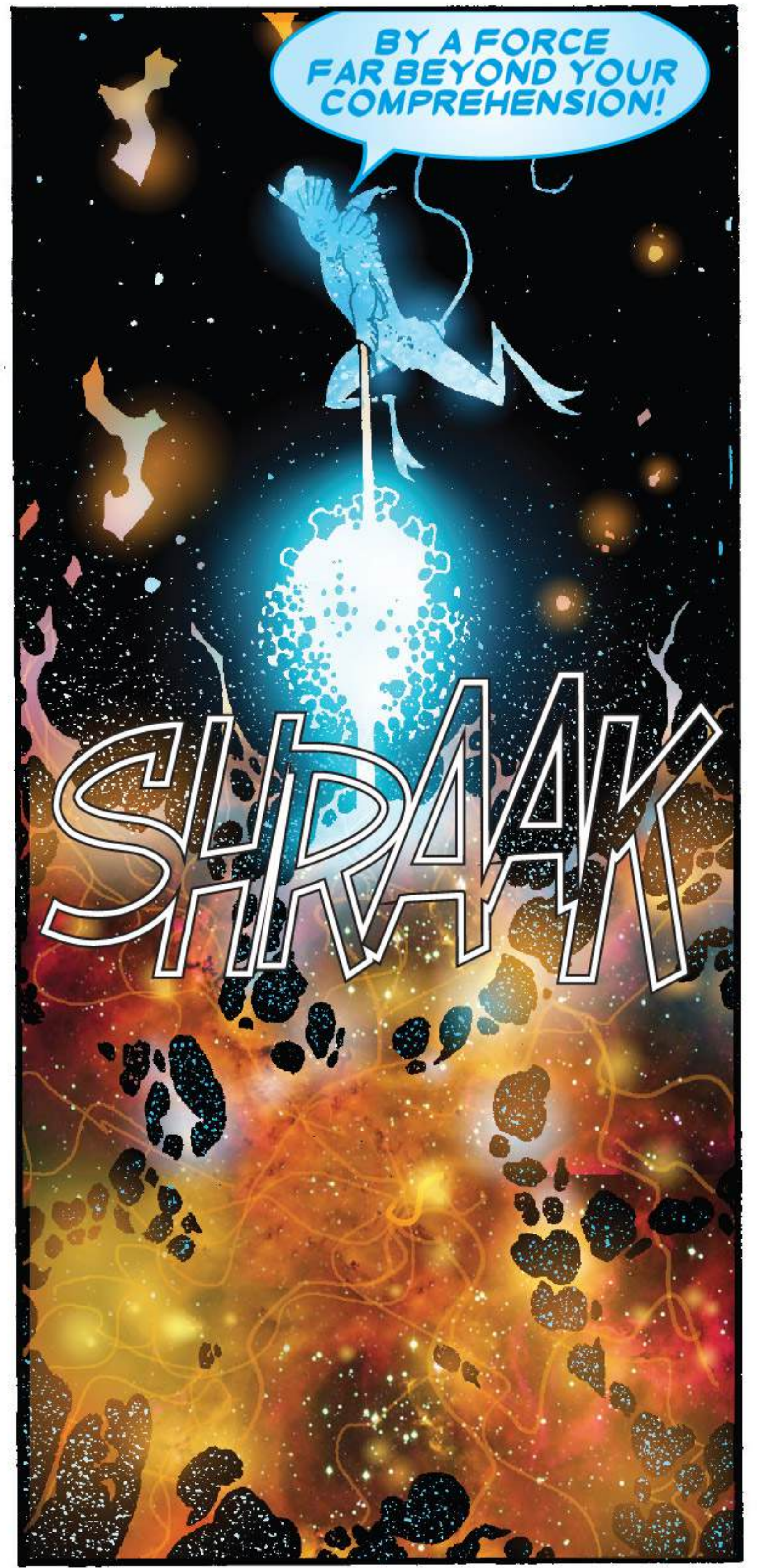
AYE. AND LIAR BESIDES.

STARDUST--



--YOU TELL TALL TALES OF THE CORPOREALS' SUPERIORITY. YOU DELUDE YOURSELF.

BUT WHEN YOU SAY "THEY"-- WHAT YOU REALLY MEAN IS--





WHAT--
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

THE LAST OF
THE ETHEREALS.
"REDUCED TO
COSMIC ASH..."



IF I LEFT YOU
HERE... WOULD
YOU DIE?

I DO NOT
KNOW. TO OUR
PEOPLE, DEATH
IS UNCERTAIN.



BUT
NO...



...I WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU TO
THAT FATE.

I WILL TAKE
YOU INTO ME...



I FEEL YOU
ALL WITHIN ME,
NOW. EVEN YOU,
PROUD J/PSI.

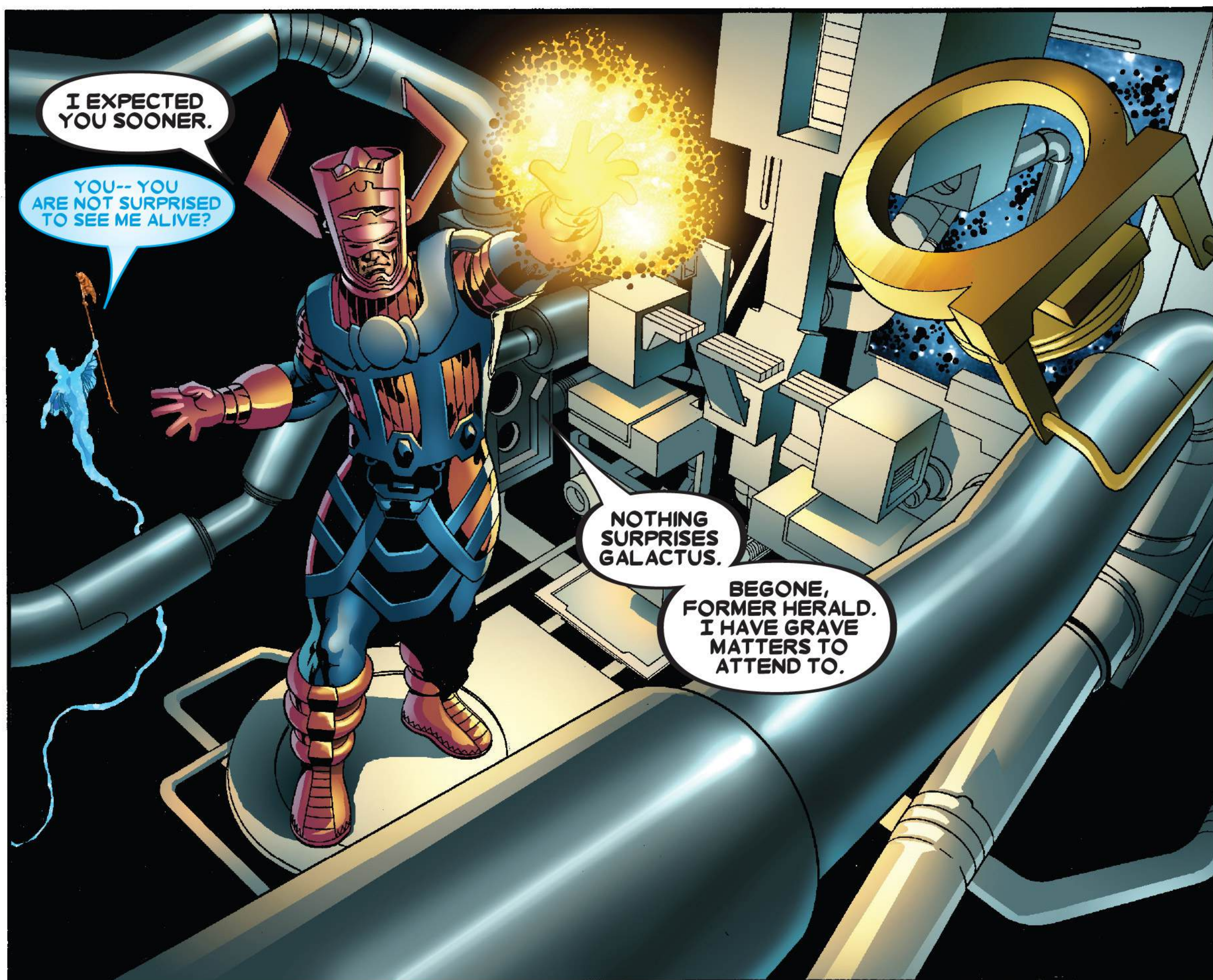
YOU WILL BE MY CONSCIENCE...
MY GUIDING STAR. AND YOU WILL
ACCOMPANY ME ON MY JOURNEY...

...TO OUR
SHARED
DESTINY.



GALACTUS...

STARDUST.



I EXPECTED YOU SOONER.

YOU-- YOU ARE NOT SURPRISED TO SEE ME ALIVE?

NOTHING SURPRISES GALACTUS.

BEGONE, FORMER HERALD. I HAVE GRAVE MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.



YOU APPEAR... PALE...

THANOS'S TREACHERY HAS WEAKENED ME. AND THE NEGATIVE ZONE BEINGS I CONSUME DO NOT SATE MY HUNGER.

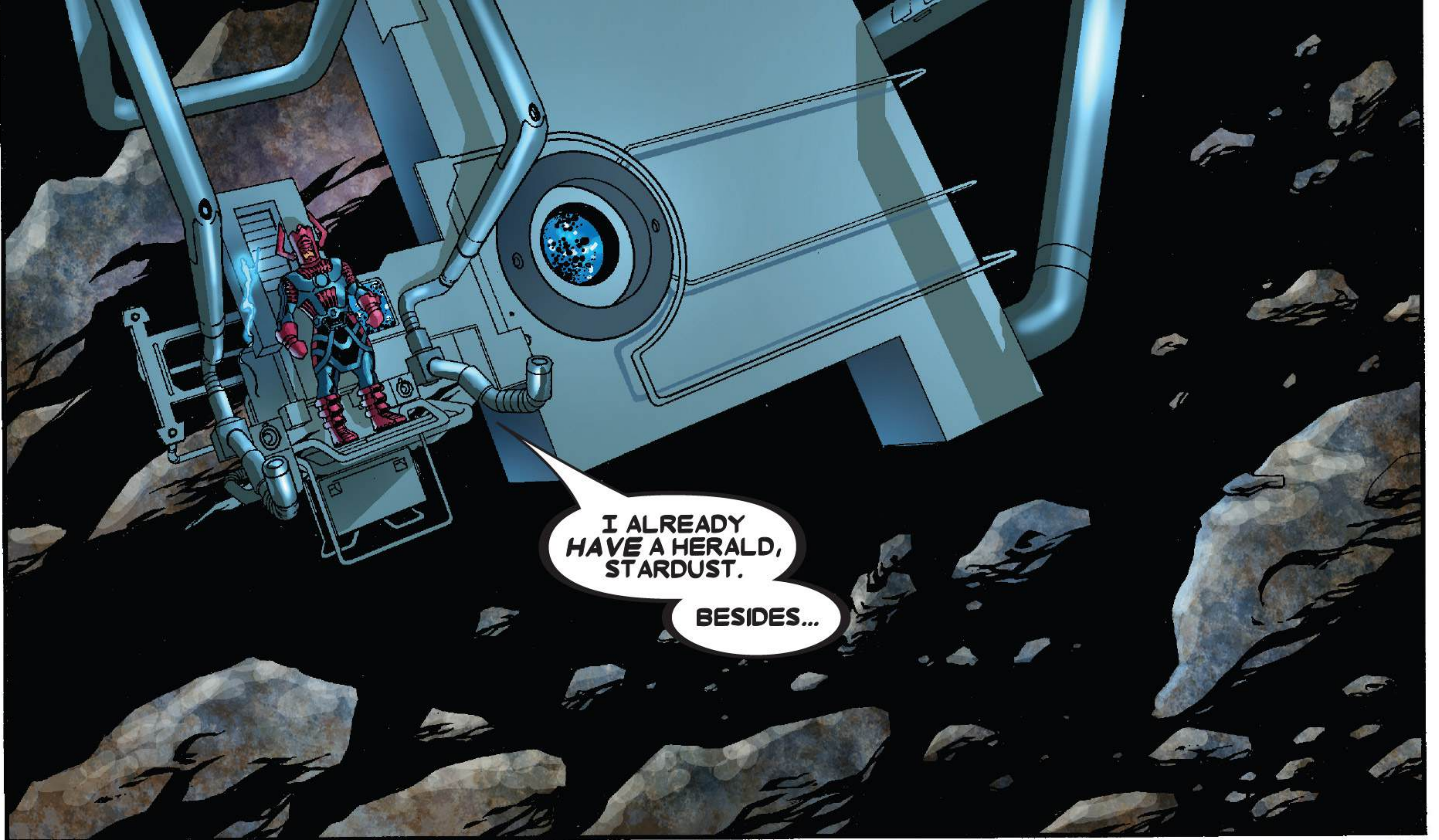
MY HERALD-- THE SILVER SURFER--IS OFF ON AN URGENT ERRAND. SO I AM FORCED TO RESORT TO MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTS--

--TO LOCATE A NEW SOURCE OF FOOD.



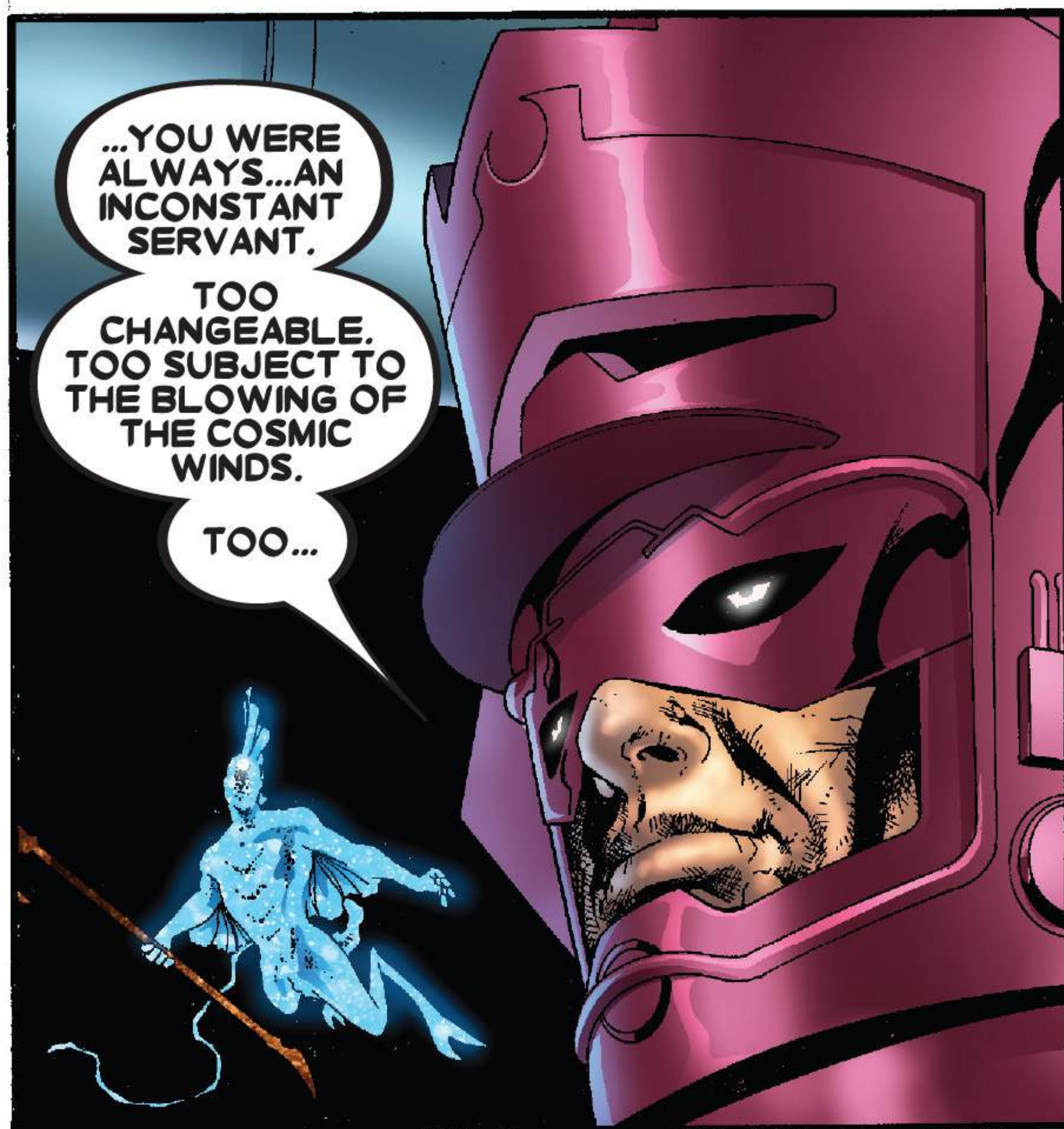
LET ME DO THIS TASK FOR YOU, GREAT ONE.

LET ME BE YOUR HERALD ONCE AGAIN.



I ALREADY
HAVE A HERALD,
STARDUST.

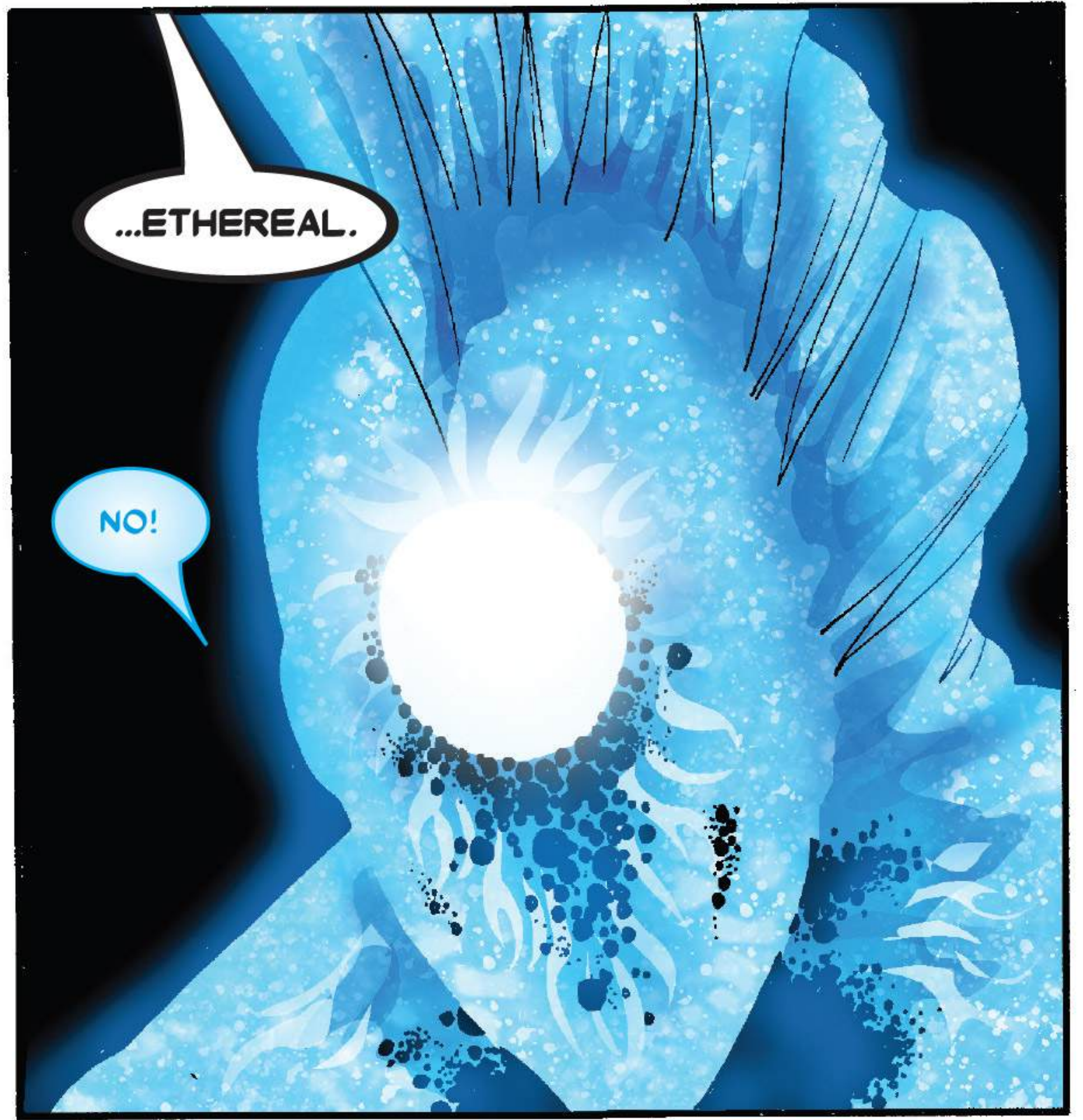
BESIDES...



...YOU WERE
ALWAYS...AN
INCONSTANT
SERVANT.

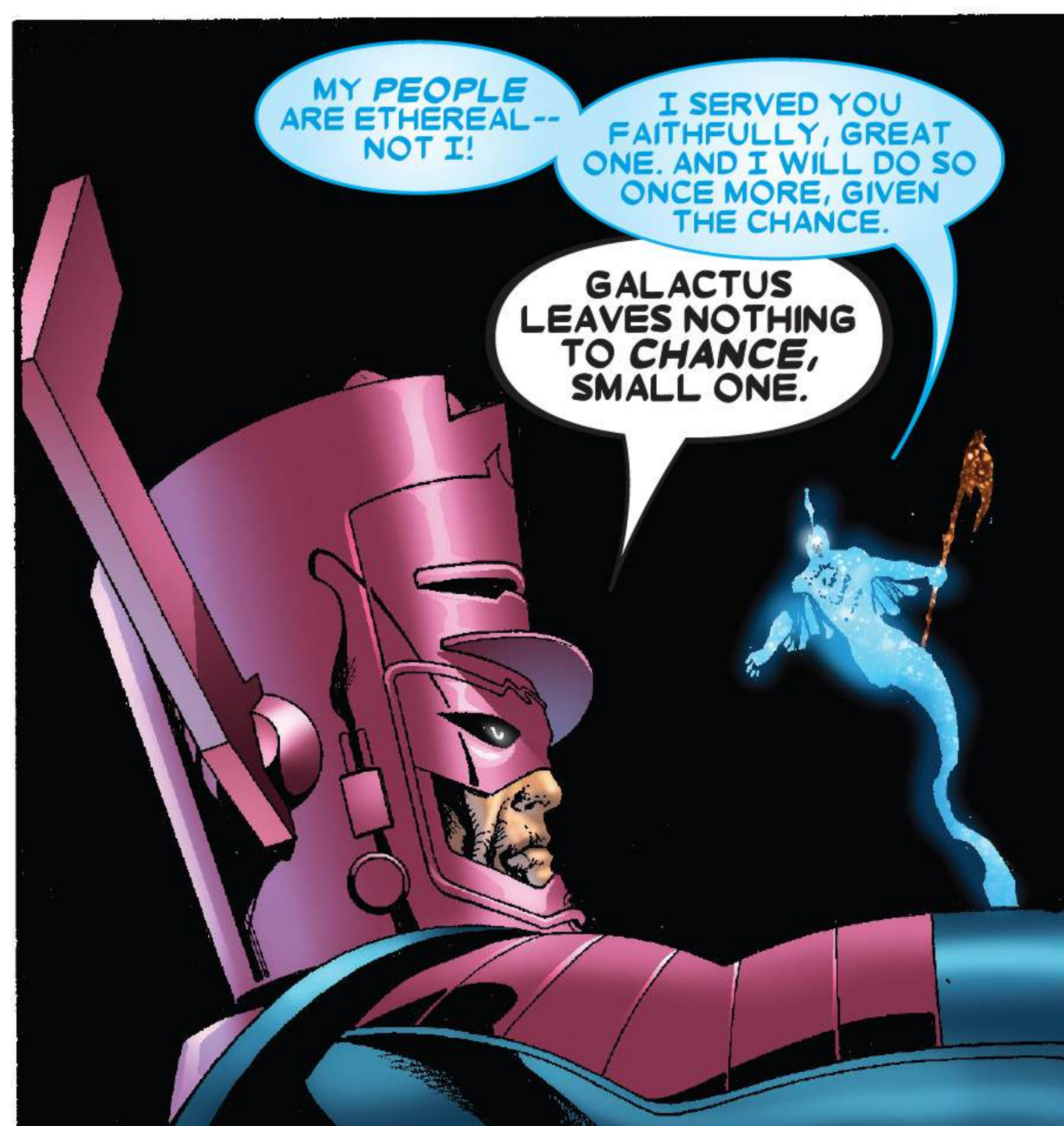
TOO
CHANGEABLE.
TOO SUBJECT TO
THE BLOWING OF
THE COSMIC
WINDS.

TOO...



...ETHEREAL.

NO!



MY PEOPLE
ARE ETHEREAL--
NOT I!

I SERVED YOU
FAITHFULLY, GREAT
ONE. AND I WILL DO SO
ONCE MORE, GIVEN
THE CHANCE.

GALACTUS
LEAVES NOTHING
TO CHANCE,
SMALL ONE.



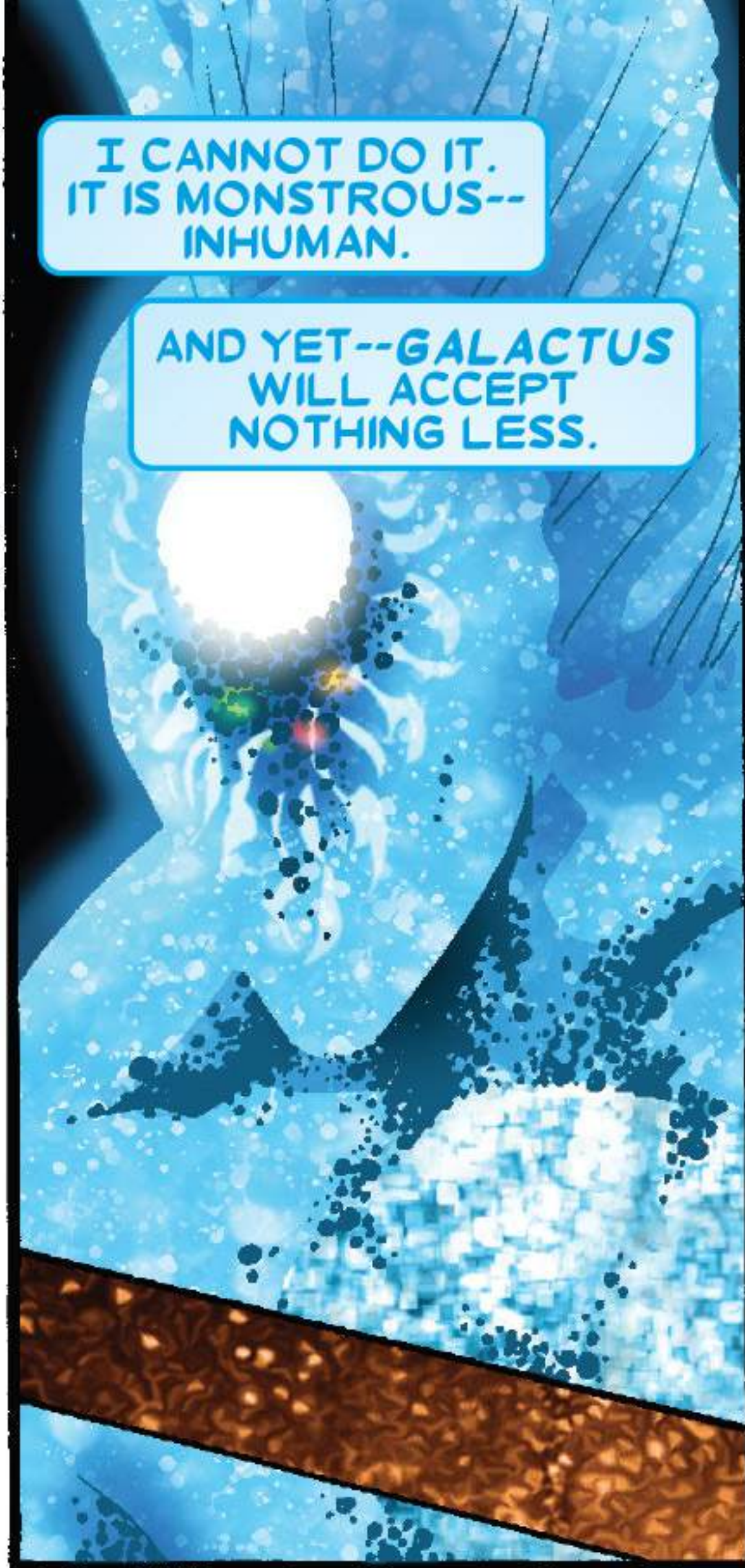
IF YOU WOULD SERVE
ME AGAIN...YOU MUST
PROVE YOUR
USEFULNESS...

...AND YOUR
LOYALTY.



MY USEFULNESS.
MY LOYALTY--

OH NO. NO...



I CANNOT DO IT.
IT IS MONSTROUS--
INHUMAN.

AND YET--*GALACTUS*
WILL ACCEPT
NOTHING LESS.



THE VOICES SCREAM
WITHIN ME--THEY KNOW
WHAT I AM PLANNING. BUT
I HAVE NO CHOICE.

MAY THE
FOUR FORCES
FORGIVE ME...

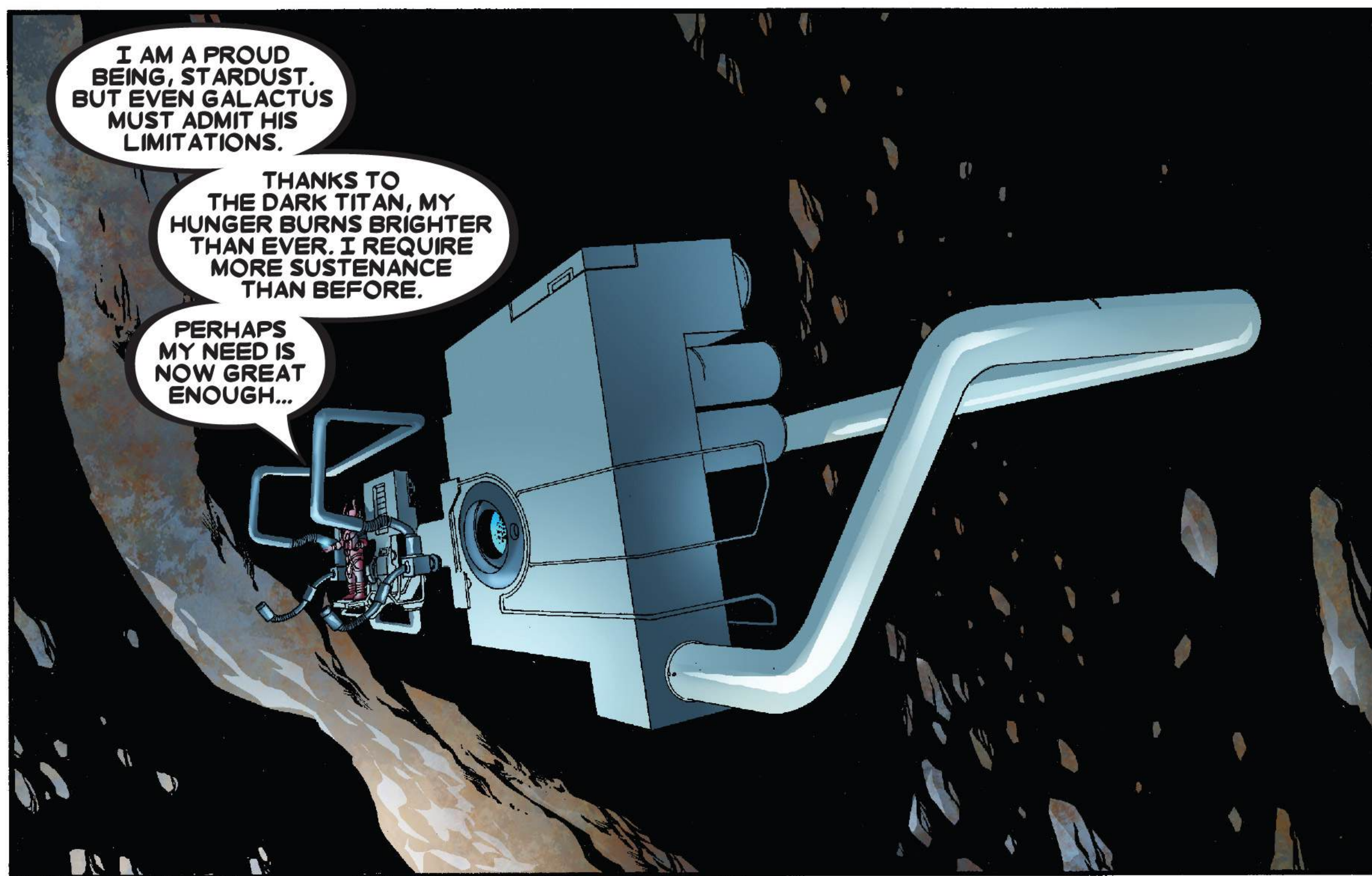


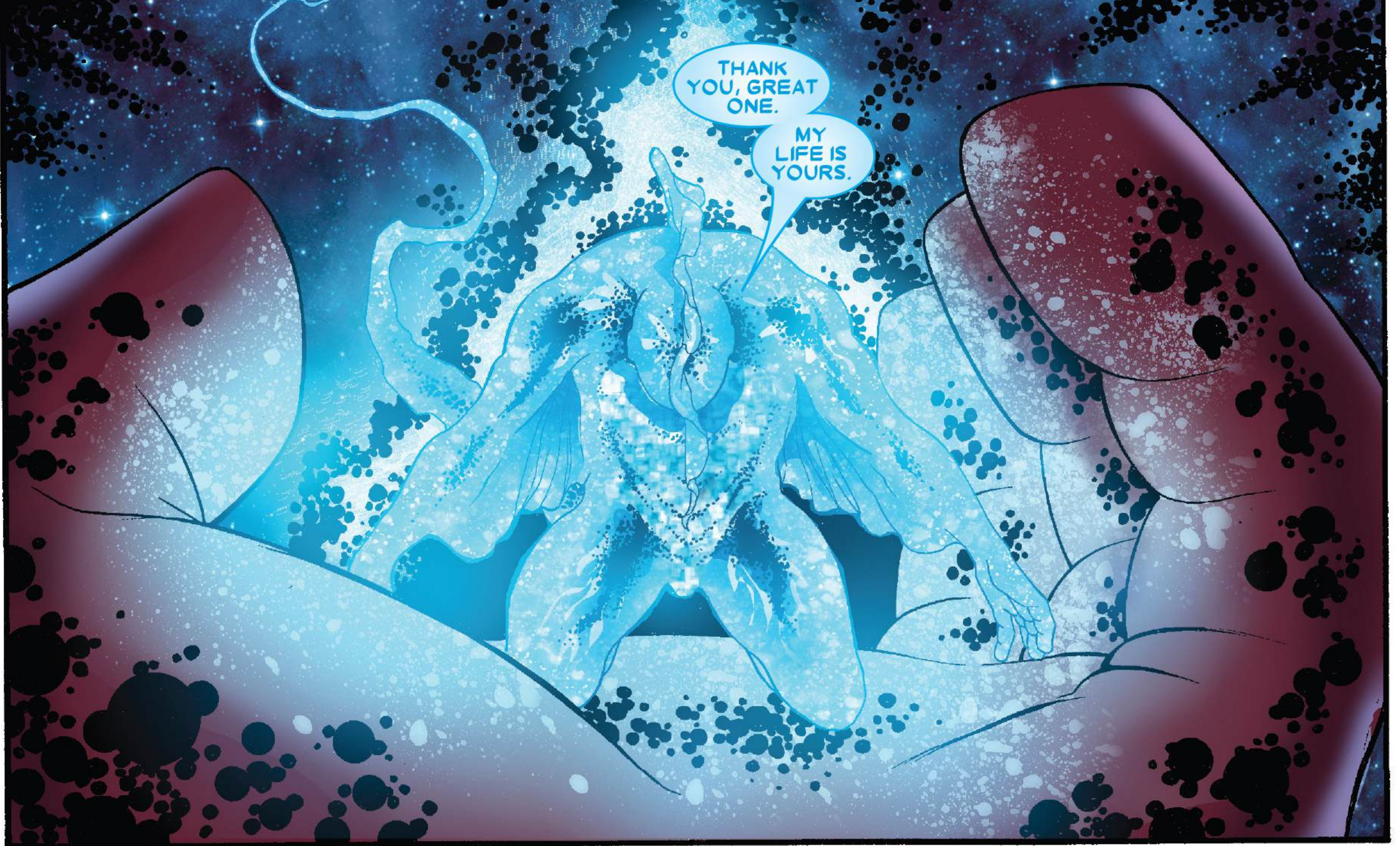
...I KNOW WHAT
I MUST DO.

YOU SAY
YOU *HUNGER*,
GREAT ONE?



THEN
FEED.





THANK YOU, GREAT ONE.

MY LIFE IS YOURS.



SO--IT IS DONE.
THE LAST OF MY PEOPLE: DEAD
AT MY HAND.

ONCE AGAIN...
I HAVE SEEN HOPE DIE.

AND YET...



WHAT *IS* DEATH, TO THE
ETHEREALS?

PERHAPS, IN
SOME WAY...THEY
WILL LIVE ON.



AT
LEAST--

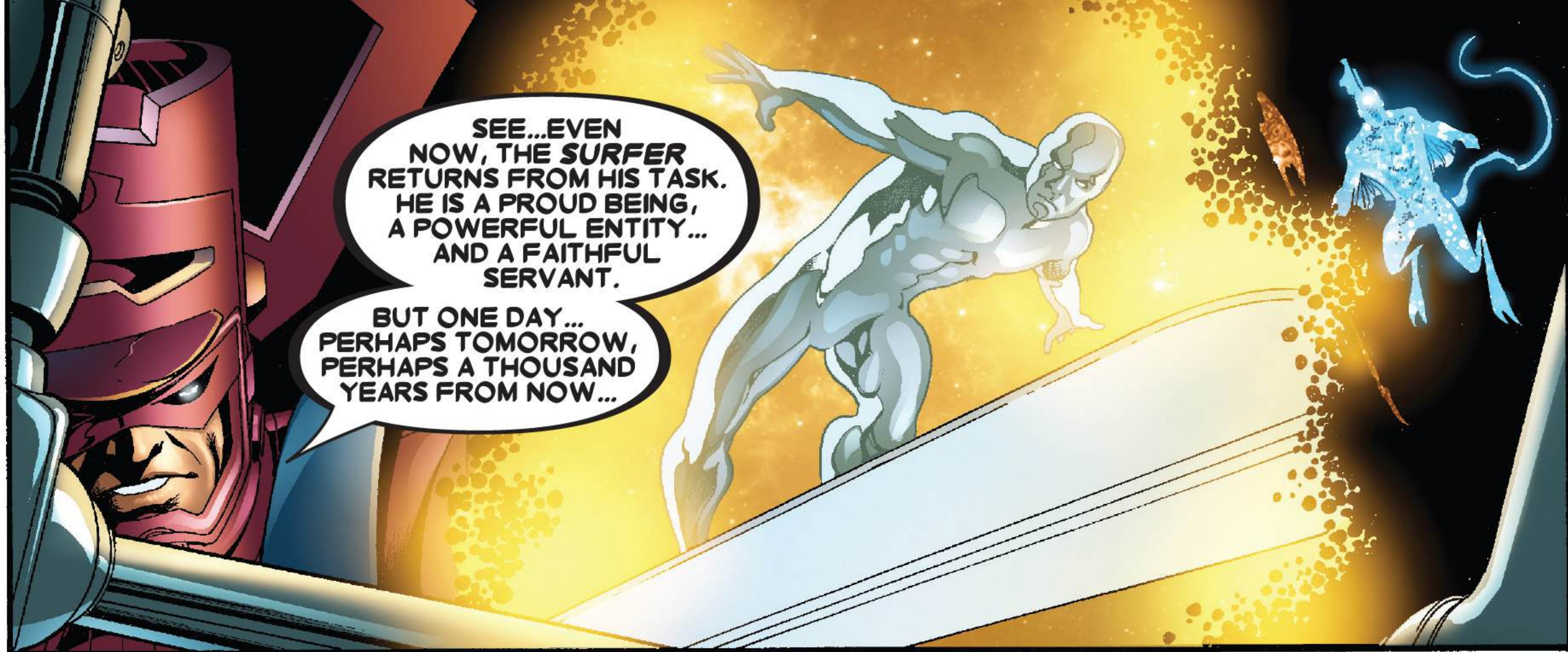
--THAT IS
WHAT I TELL
MYSELF--

STARDUST...



YOU HAVE
PROVEN YOUR
LOYALTY TO ME...
AS NO HERALD
BEFORE YOU HAS
EVER DONE.

NOW LET
GALACTUS OFFER
YOU A GLIMPSE
OF WHAT IS TO
COME.



SEE...EVEN
NOW, THE **SURFER**
RETURNS FROM HIS TASK.
HE IS A PROUD BEING,
A POWERFUL ENTITY...
AND A FAITHFUL
SERVANT.

BUT ONE DAY...
PERHAPS TOMORROW,
PERHAPS A THOUSAND
YEARS FROM NOW...



...HE WILL
BETRAY ME
AGAIN.

ON THAT DAY,
STARDUST...I WILL
CALL FOR YOU.



TODAY,
HOWEVER...MY
HUNGER IS ALL-
CONSUMING.

BRING ME
WORLDS!

AS MANY
AS YOU NEED,
GREAT ONE...

...STARDUST
WILL DELIVER
THEM UNTO
YOU.



MY PEOPLE
SAW THROUGH
MY LIES.

CORPOREAL
BEINGS, ETHEREAL...
ALL ARE EQUALLY
MEANINGLESS TO ME.



ONLY ONE
CREATURE IN ALL
THE UNIVERSE
COMMANDS
MY ALLEGIANCE.

AND ON THE DAY OF
JUDGMENT, GALACTUS...
I WILL STAND AT
YOUR SIDE. I COULD DO
NOTHING ELSE...



...FOR THE
ONLY BEING I
TRULY LOVE.

CANTICLE 8. CEDED TERRITORIES.

WARS
NEVER
END.

THE KREE AND SKRULL HAVE
BEEN AT WAR, TO A GREATER
OR LESSER DEGREE, FOR THE
BETTER PART OF A MILLENNIUM.

THE NEAR-GENOCIDE OF
THE SKRULLS CHANGES
NOTHING. GIVE WHAT
REMAINS OF THE SHAPE-
SHIFTERS ENOUGH TIME
TO BREED, AND SEE HOW
SOON THEY LAUNCH AN
ATTACK ON THE KREE.

WARS LIVE ON, IF
ONLY IN MEMORY--
AND MEMORY IS
MERCILESS.

THEY CALL THEM-
SELVES CENTURIONS,
THESE REMNANTS OF
ANNIHILUS' ELITE
STRIKE FORCE. I CALL
THEM WAR CRIMINALS.

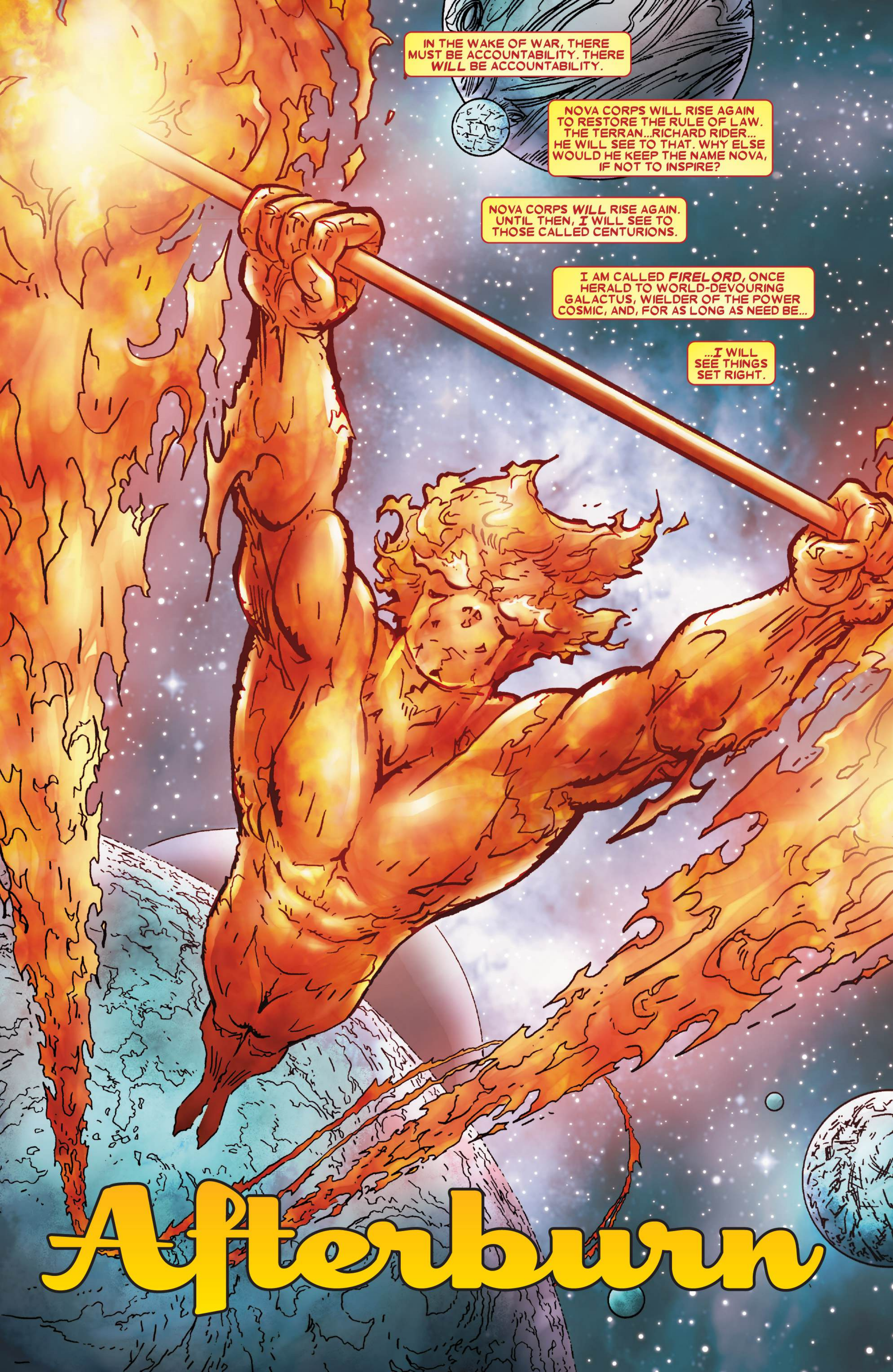
I HUNT THEM
BECAUSE NO
ONE ELSE WILL.

THIS IS THE FIFTH
WORLD CENTURION
FACTIONS HAVE TRIED
TO COMPROMISE.

ON THIS ONE,
THEY PRESENTED
THEMSELVES AS
GODS, PLAYED INTO
THE PRIMITIVE
MIND-SET OF THE
INHABITANTS.

BEFORE THE
ANNIHILATION
WAR, NOVA CORPS
WOULD HAVE SEEN
TO THE PLANET'S
WELL-BEING,
PREVENTED SO
BLATANT A
POWER GRAB.

NO MORE. NOVA CORPS WAS
THE WAR'S FIRST FATALITY, THE
ENTIRETY OF IT ERADICATED
BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW WE
WERE UNDER ATTACK.



IN THE WAKE OF WAR, THERE
MUST BE ACCOUNTABILITY. THERE
WILL BE ACCOUNTABILITY.

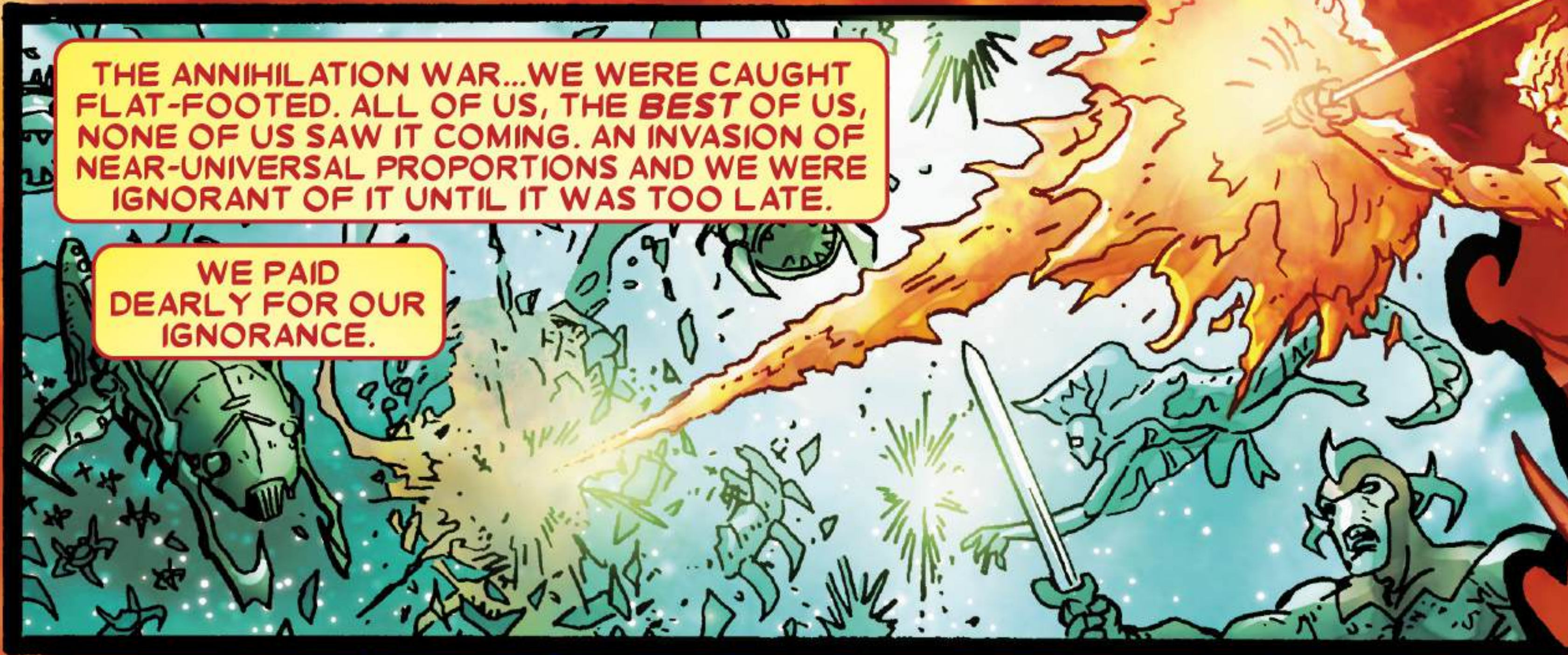
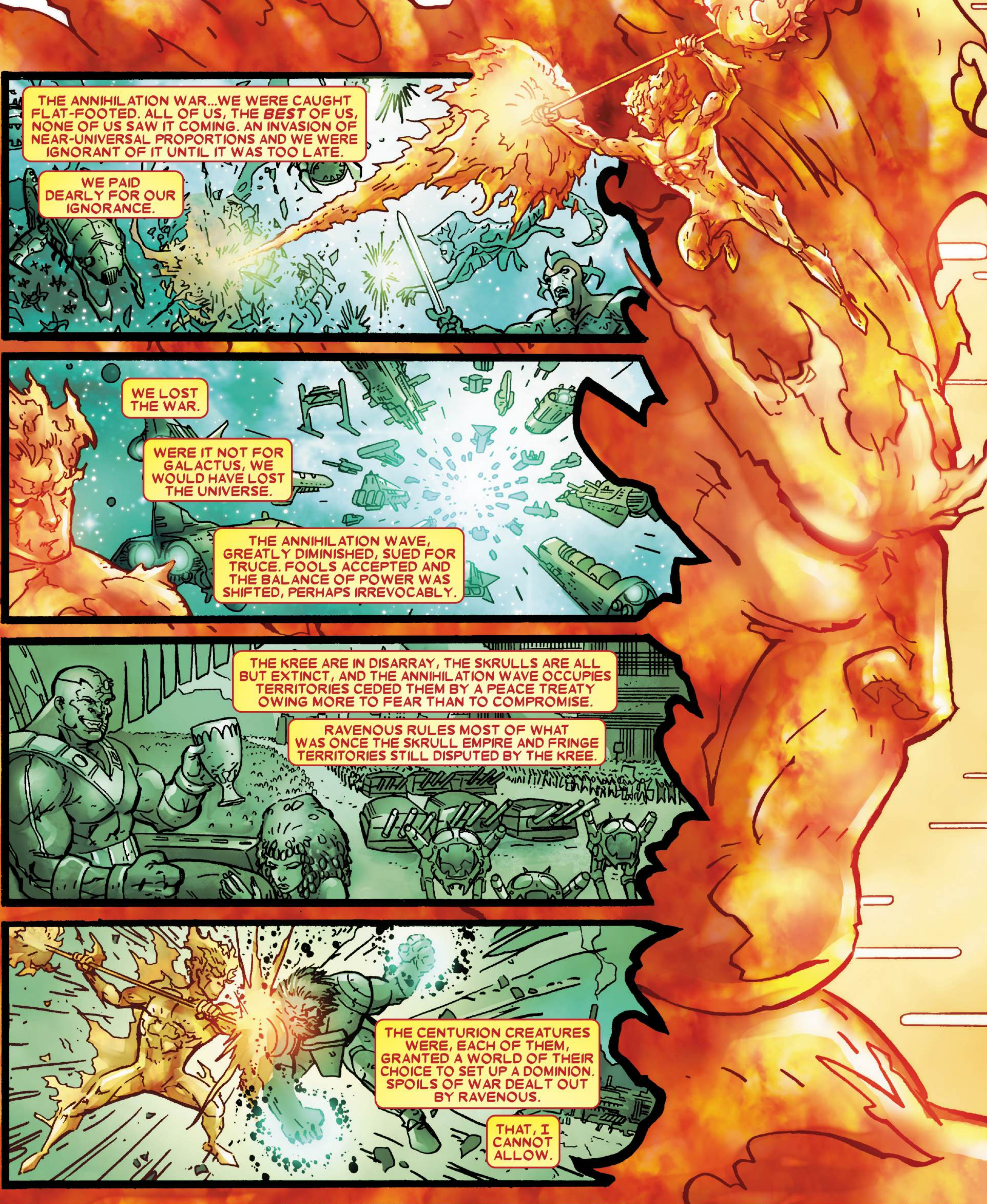
NOVA CORPS WILL RISE AGAIN
TO RESTORE THE RULE OF LAW.
THE TERRAN...RICHARD RIDER...
HE WILL SEE TO THAT. WHY ELSE
WOULD HE KEEP THE NAME NOVA,
IF NOT TO INSPIRE?

NOVA CORPS WILL RISE AGAIN.
UNTIL THEN, I WILL SEE TO
THOSE CALLED CENTURIANS.

I AM CALLED **FIRELORD**, ONCE
HERALD TO WORLD-DEVOURING
GALACTUS, WIELDER OF THE POWER
COSMIC, AND, FOR AS LONG AS NEED BE...

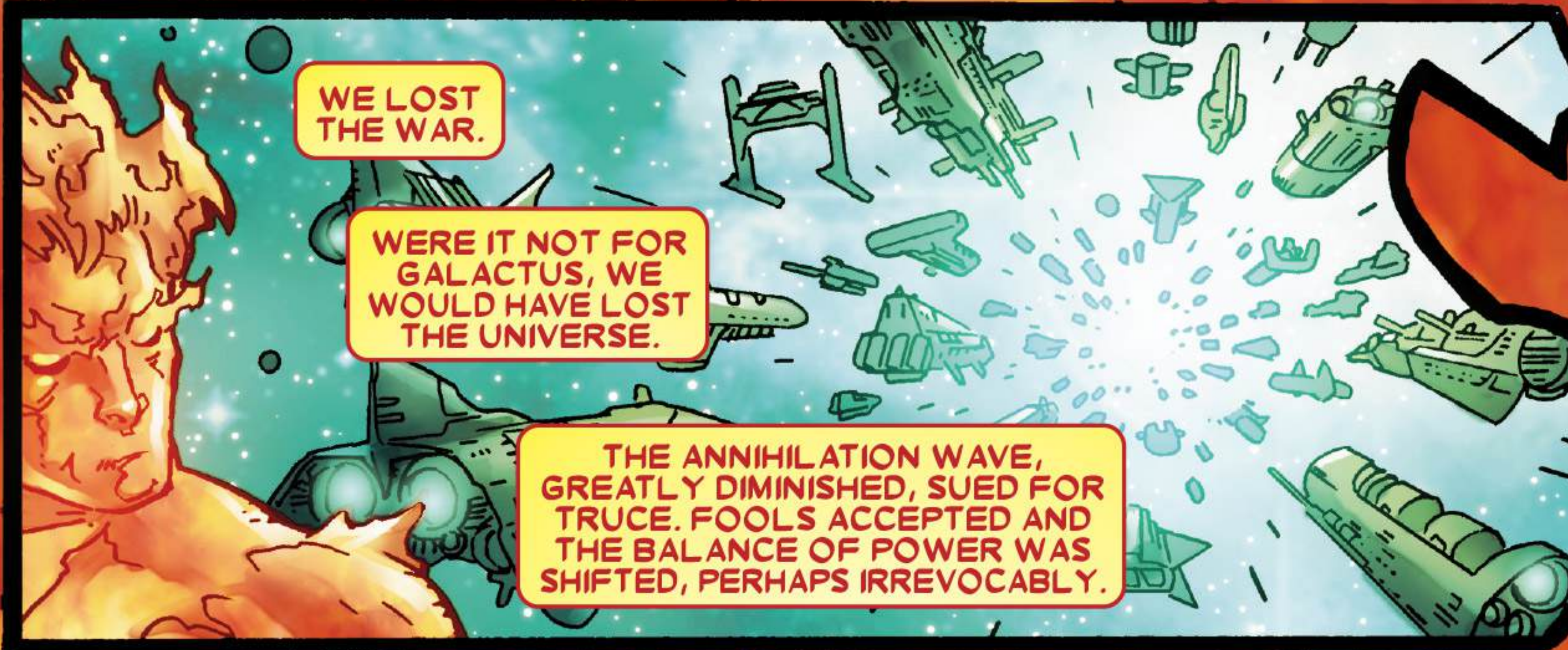
...I WILL
SEE THINGS
SET RIGHT.

Afterburn



THE ANNIHILATION WAR...WE WERE CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED. ALL OF US, THE **BEST** OF US, NONE OF US SAW IT COMING. AN INVASION OF NEAR-UNIVERSAL PROPORTIONS AND WE WERE IGNORANT OF IT UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.

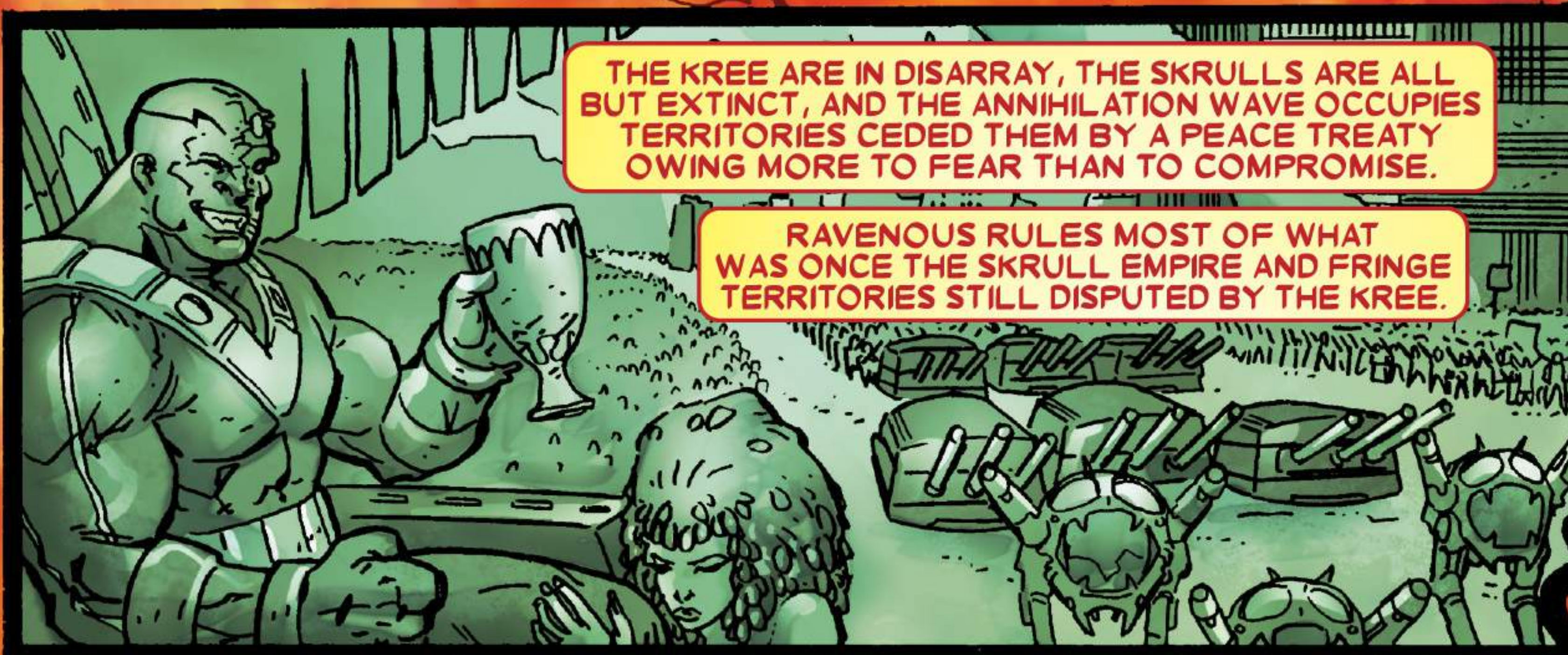
WE PAID DEARLY FOR OUR IGNORANCE.



WE LOST THE WAR.

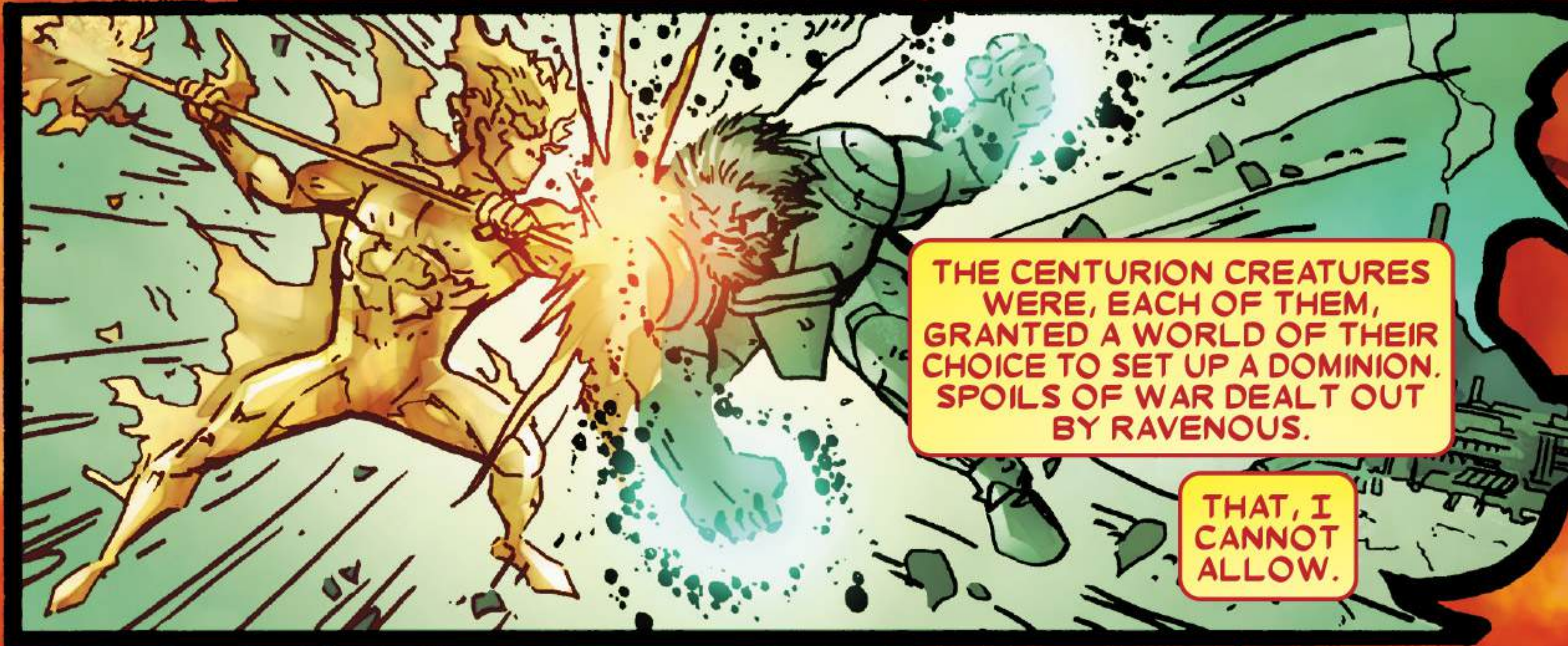
WERE IT NOT FOR GALACTUS, WE WOULD HAVE LOST THE UNIVERSE.

THE ANNIHILATION WAVE, GREATLY DIMINISHED, SUED FOR TRUCE. FOOLS ACCEPTED AND THE BALANCE OF POWER WAS SHIFTED, PERHAPS IRREVOCABLY.



THE KREE ARE IN DISARRAY, THE SKRULLS ARE ALL BUT EXTINCT, AND THE ANNIHILATION WAVE OCCUPIES TERRITORIES CEDED THEM BY A PEACE TREATY OWING MORE TO FEAR THAN TO COMPROMISE.

RAVENOUS RULES MOST OF WHAT WAS ONCE THE SKRULL EMPIRE AND FRINGE TERRITORIES STILL DISPUTED BY THE KREE.

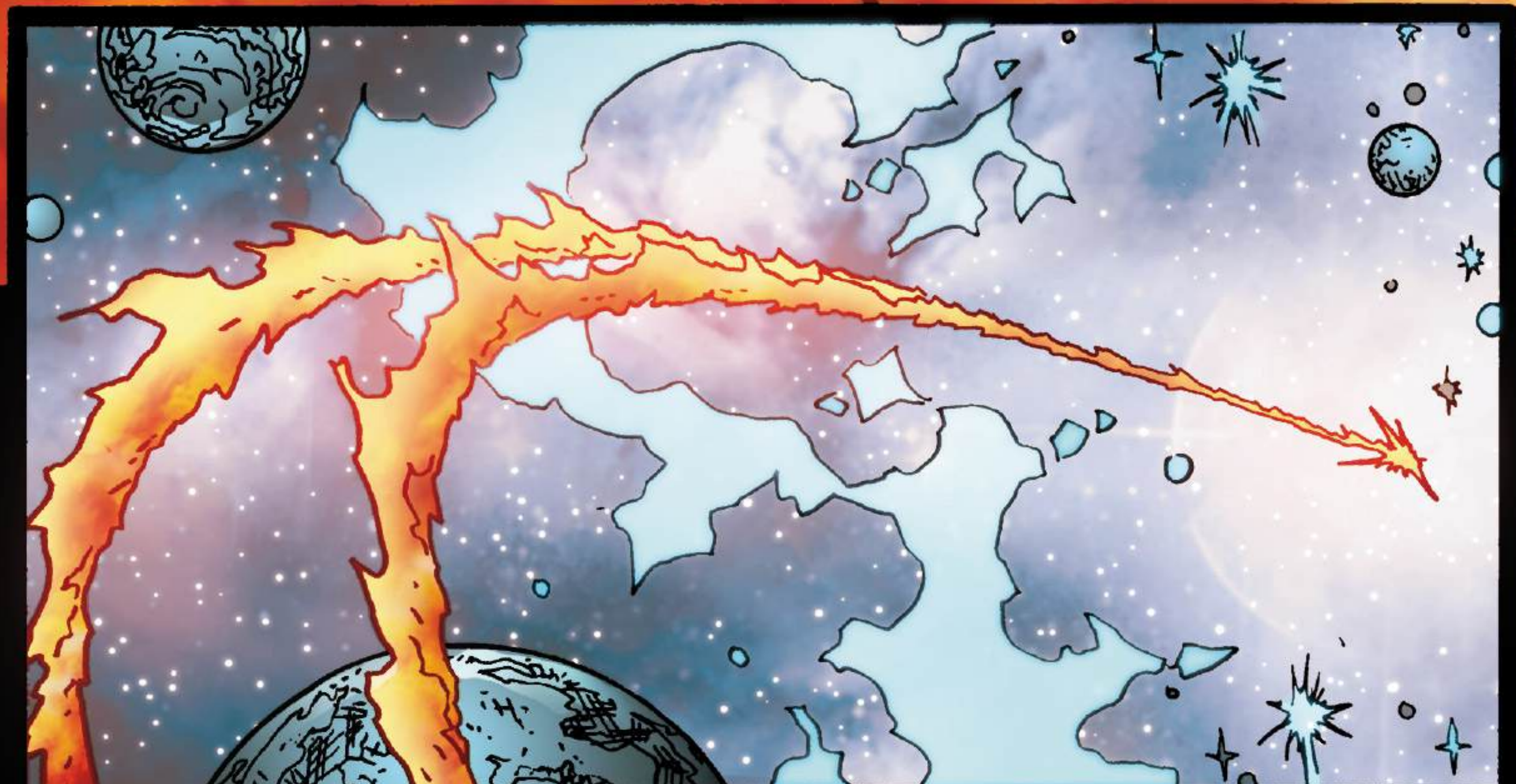


THE CENTURION CREATURES WERE, EACH OF THEM, GRANTED A WORLD OF THEIR CHOICE TO SET UP A DOMINION. SPOILS OF WAR DEALT OUT BY RAVENOUS.

THAT, I CANNOT ALLOW.



THAT, I WILL NOT ALLOW.



OMINA PRIME.
CEDED TERRITORIES.
ANNIHILATION DAY,
PLUS 274.

...FITTING
RECEPTION FOR
SO AUGUST A
PERSONAGE--

I WILL
BE THE JUDGE
OF THAT.

TRUTH BE
TOLD, I AM
IMPRESSED.

WE LIVE
TO SERVE THE
EMINENCE.

WELL
SAID...AND MOST
FITTING.

OTHER
WORLDS HAVE BEEN
LESS...TOLERANT OF
THE NEW ORDER.

YES...THIS
PLEASES ME. I CHOSE
THIS WORLD FROM AMONG
THE MANY OFFERED BY THE
LORD RAVENOUS IN
GRATITUDE FOR SERVICES
RENDERED.

A WISE
CHOICE.

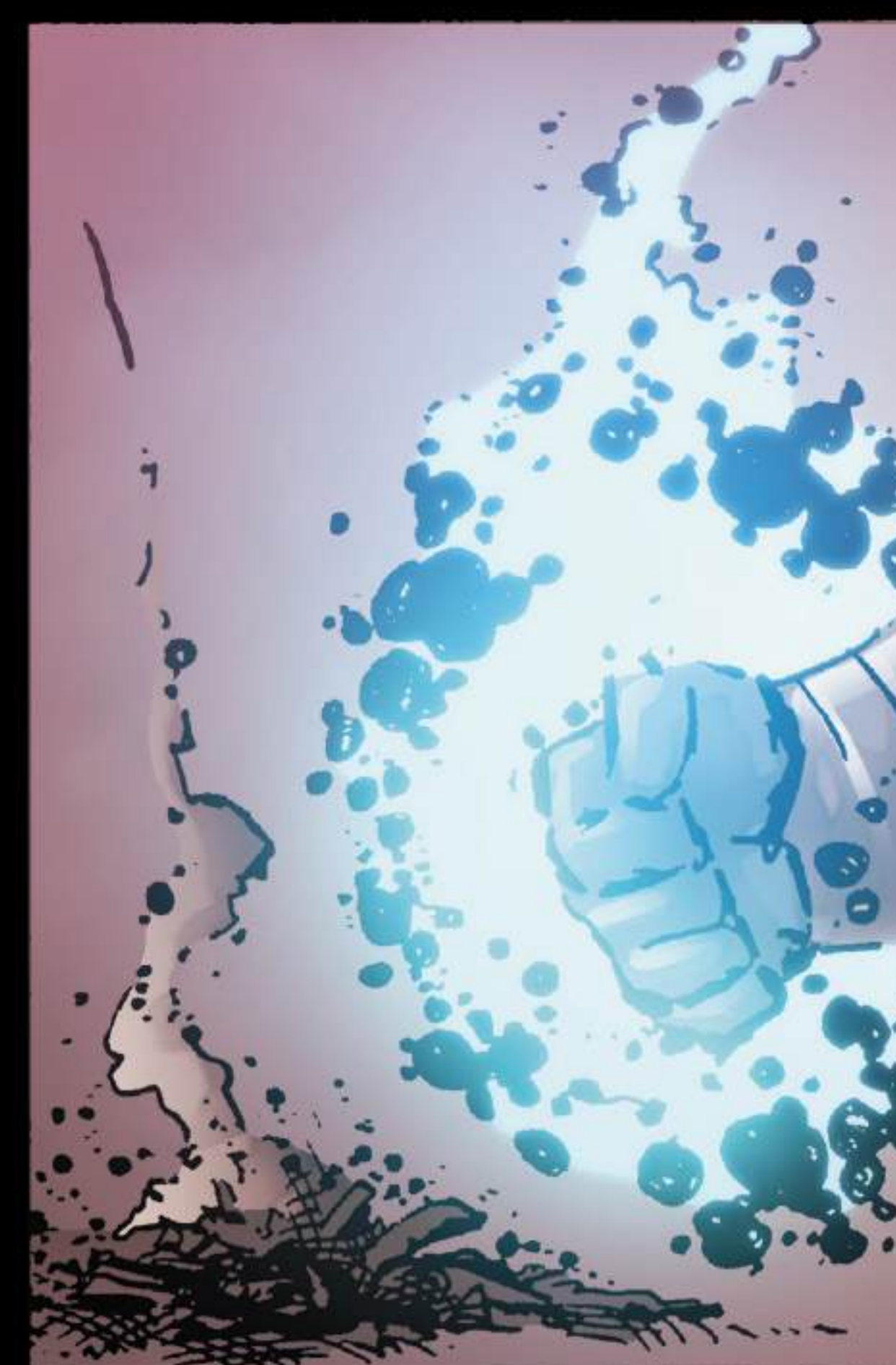
DON'T
YOU THINK
SO?

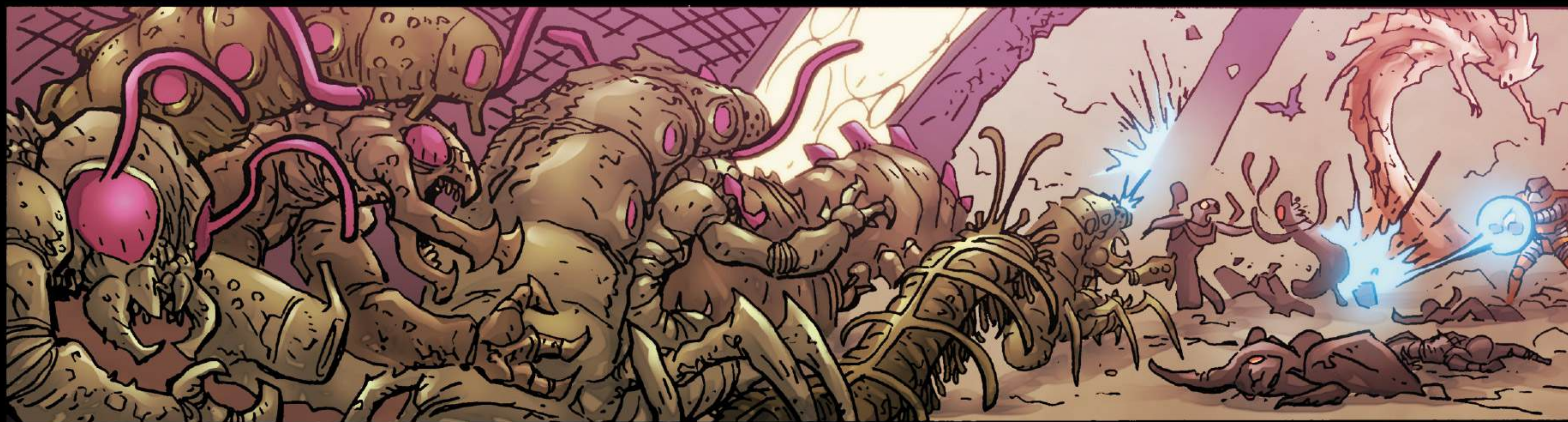
MOST
WISE!

AND FLATTERED.
MOST FLATTERED
THAT THE WARLORD SMYT
WOULD FIND OMINA
PRIME WORTHY.

OURS
IS BUT TO
SERVE.











THIS
ENDS NOW.
SURRENDER
OR DEATH. THE
CHOICE IS
YOURS.



THE
FIRELORD...
I AM NOT
IMPRESSED.

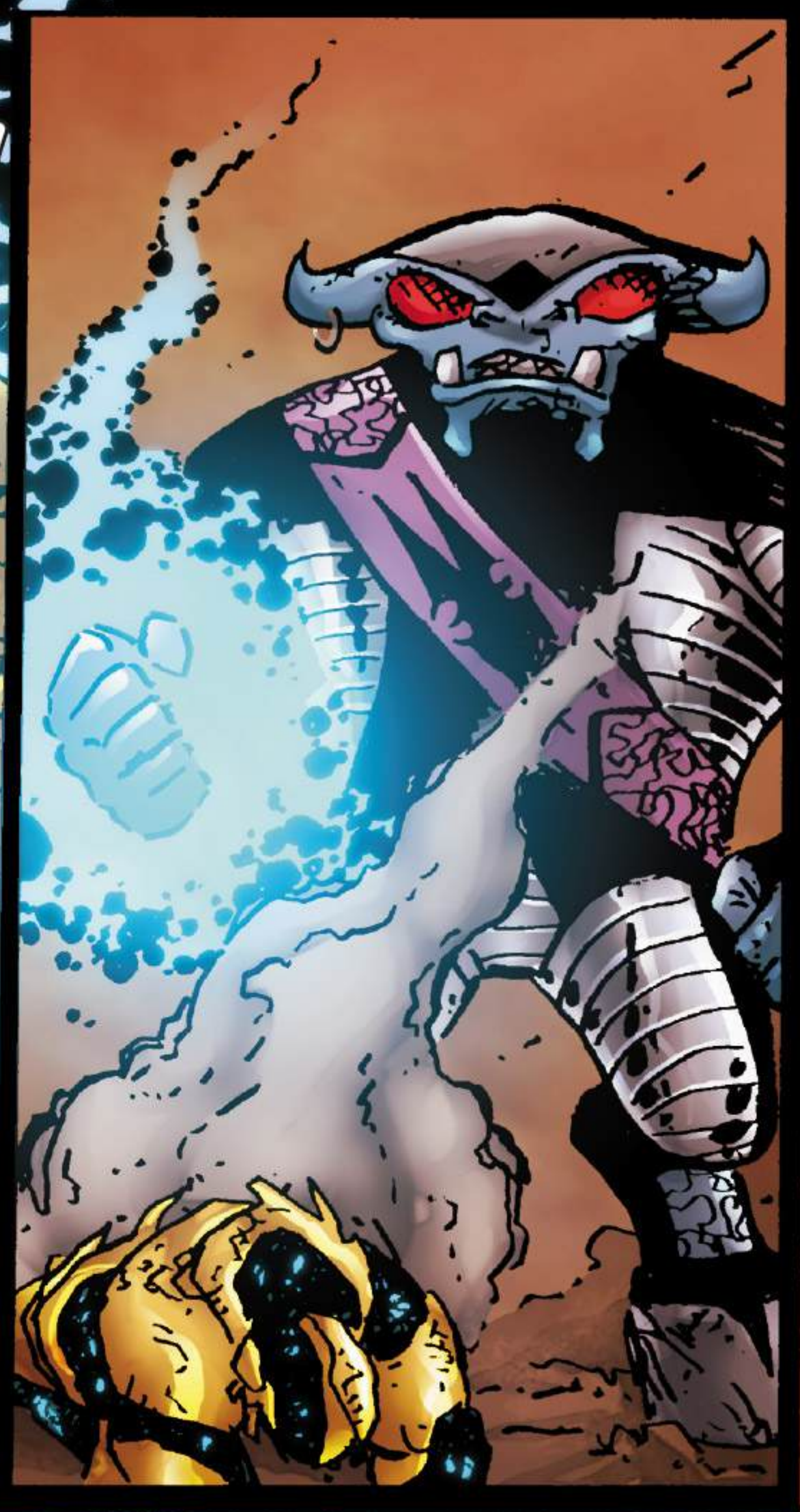
YOU HAVE NO
AUTHORITY HERE,
SPAWN OF GALACTUS.
THESE TERRITORIES
WERE CEDED TO THE
WAVE BY TREATY.

THIS
WORLD IS MINE
BY SOVEREIGN
DECREE.



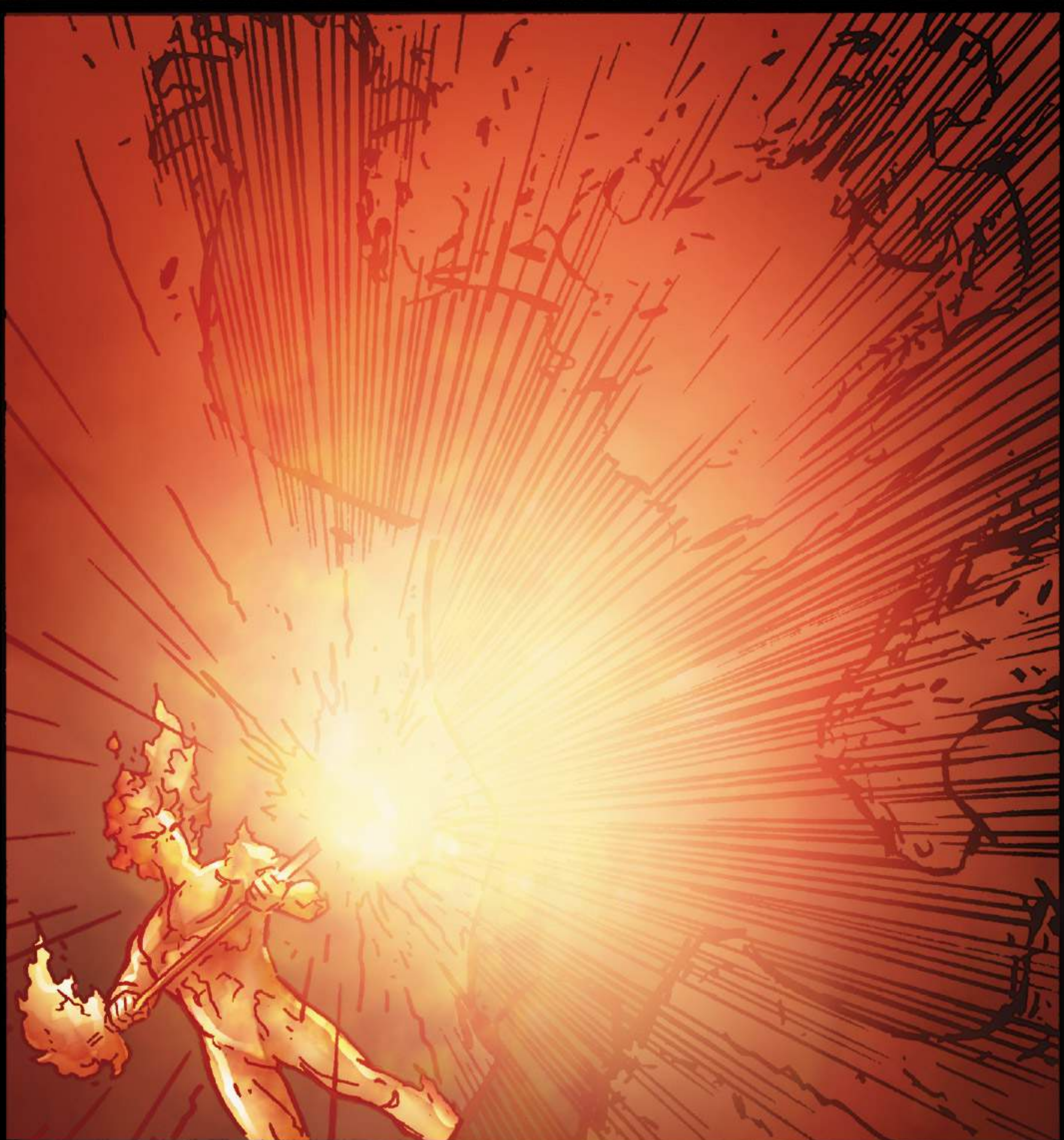
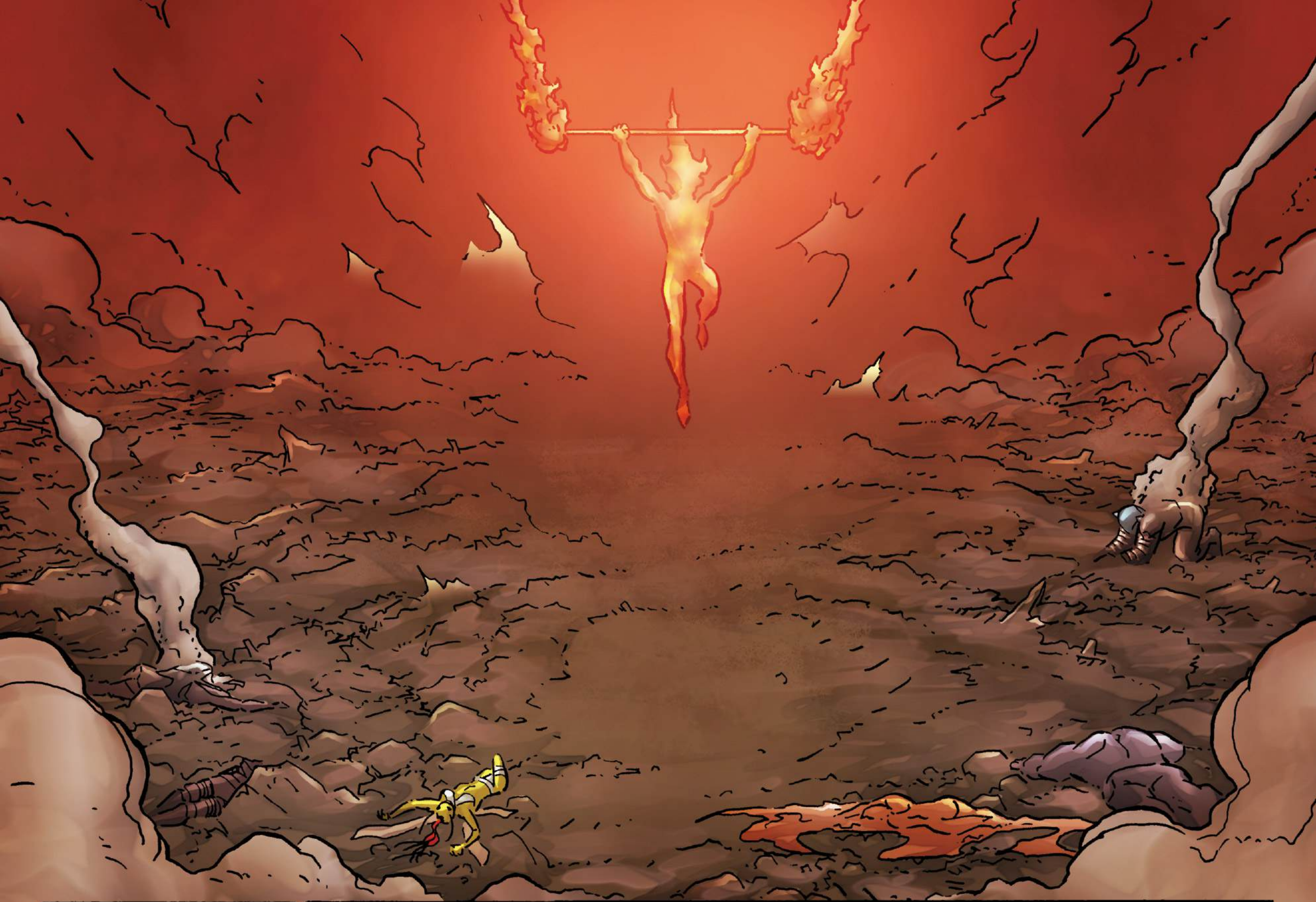
PERHAPS
I DID NOT MAKE
MYSELF CLEAR.
SURRENDER OR
DIE WHERE YOU
STAND.









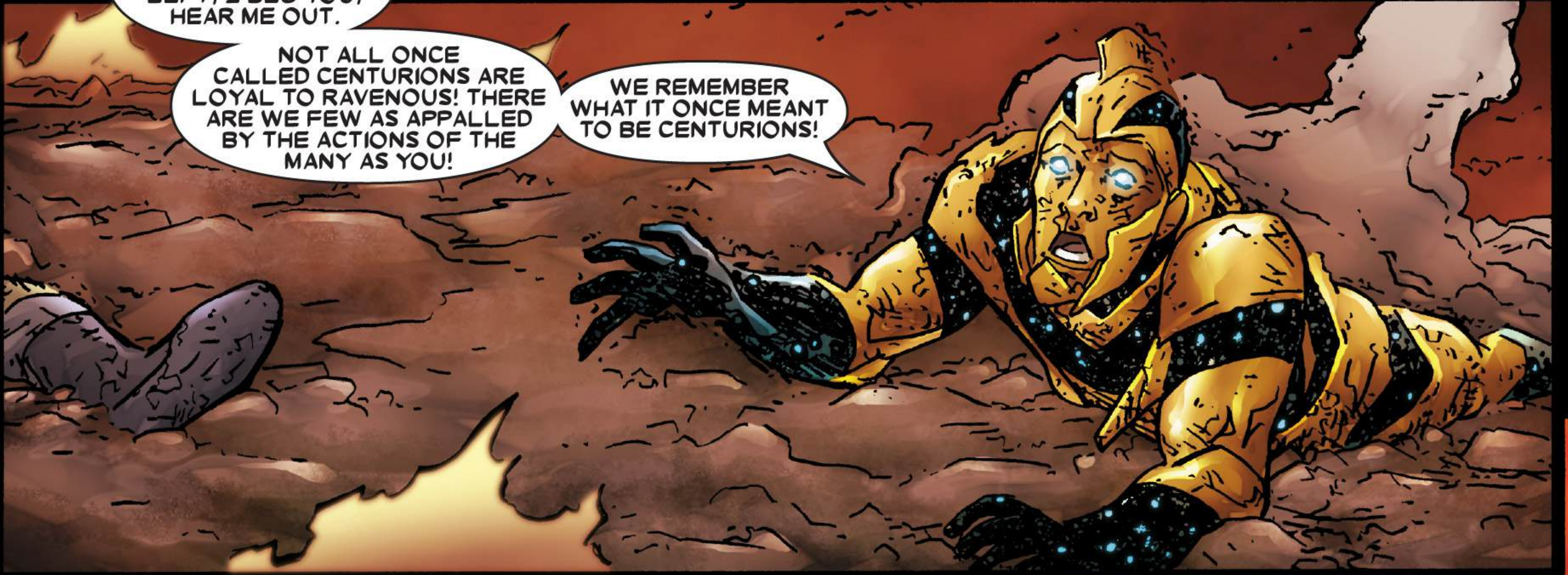




NO! A PETITION...PLEASE. IF YOU'VE ANY MERCY LEFT, I BEG YOU, HEAR ME OUT.

NOT ALL ONCE CALLED CENTURIONS ARE LOYAL TO RAVENOUS! THERE ARE WE FEW AS APPALLED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE MANY AS YOU!

WE REMEMBER WHAT IT ONCE MEANT TO BE CENTURIONS!

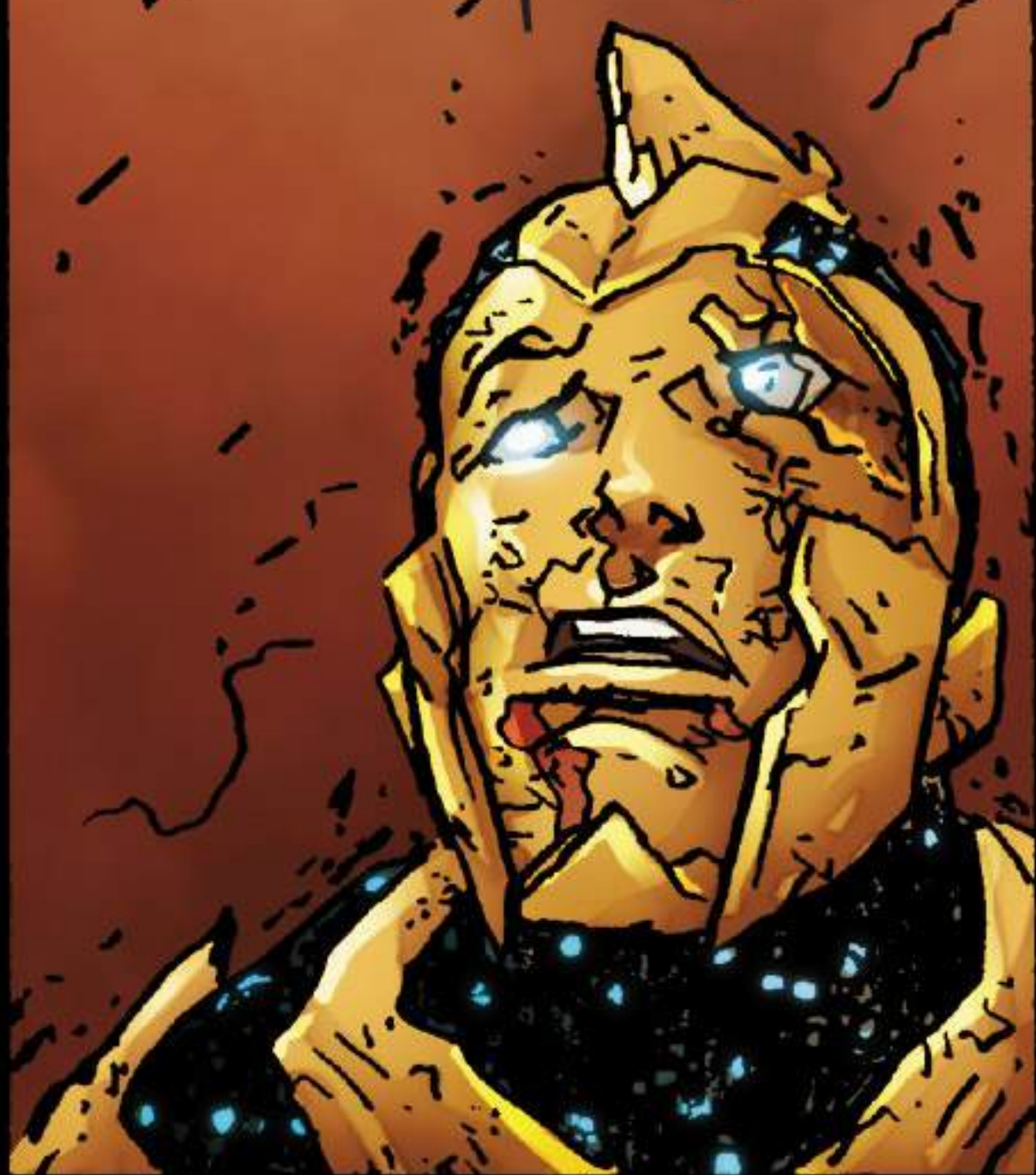


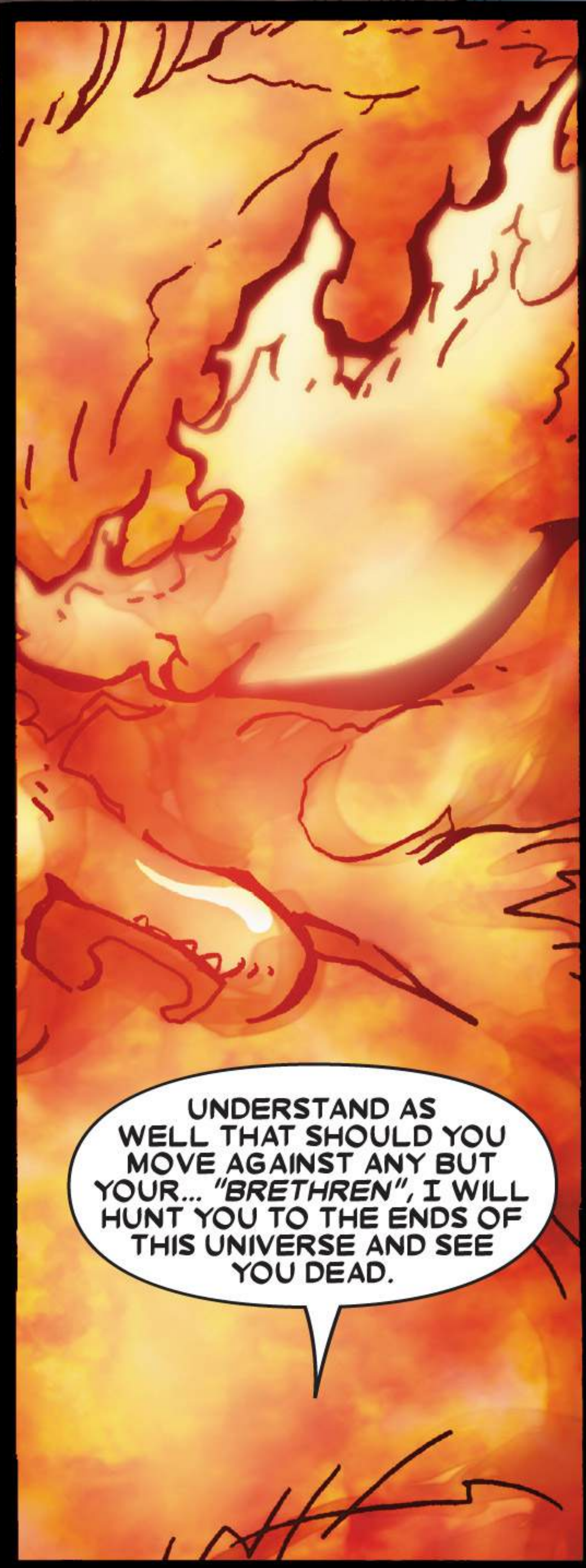
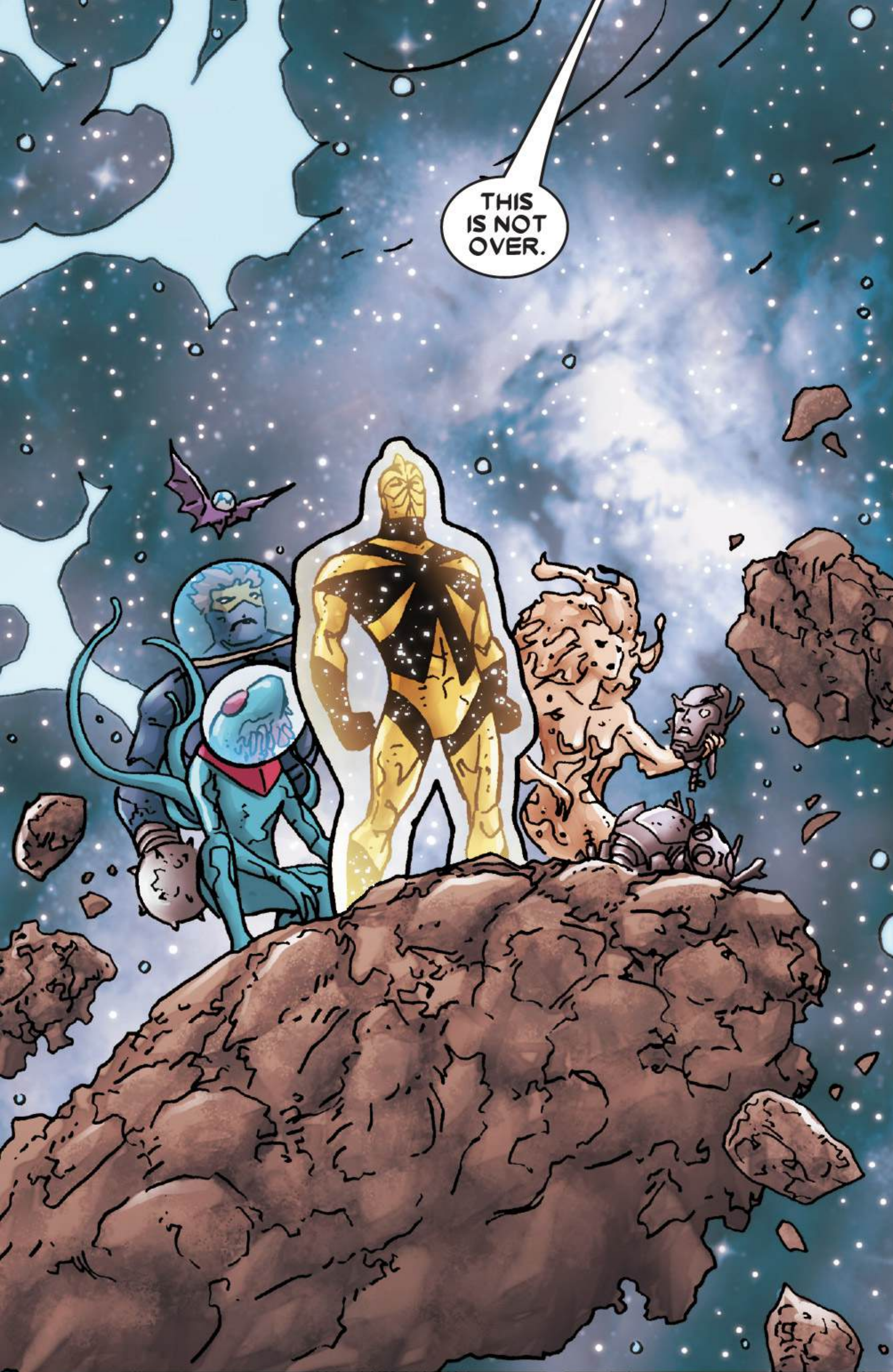
WE TOO SEEK TO RIGHT THE WRONGS COMMITTED BY THOSE LOYAL TO RAVENOUS! WE HUNT THOSE WE ONCE CALLED BRETHREN!

WE DO SO NOT OUT OF ANGER, NOR RETRIBUTION, NOR ATONEMENT! WE DO SO OUT OF *SHAME*!

WE DO NOT STAND WITH THOSE SERVING RAVENOUS! YOUR CAUSE IS *OURS*!

DO WE DIE BY YOUR HAND BECAUSE WE STILL HONOR WHAT IT MEANT TO BE CENTURIONS?

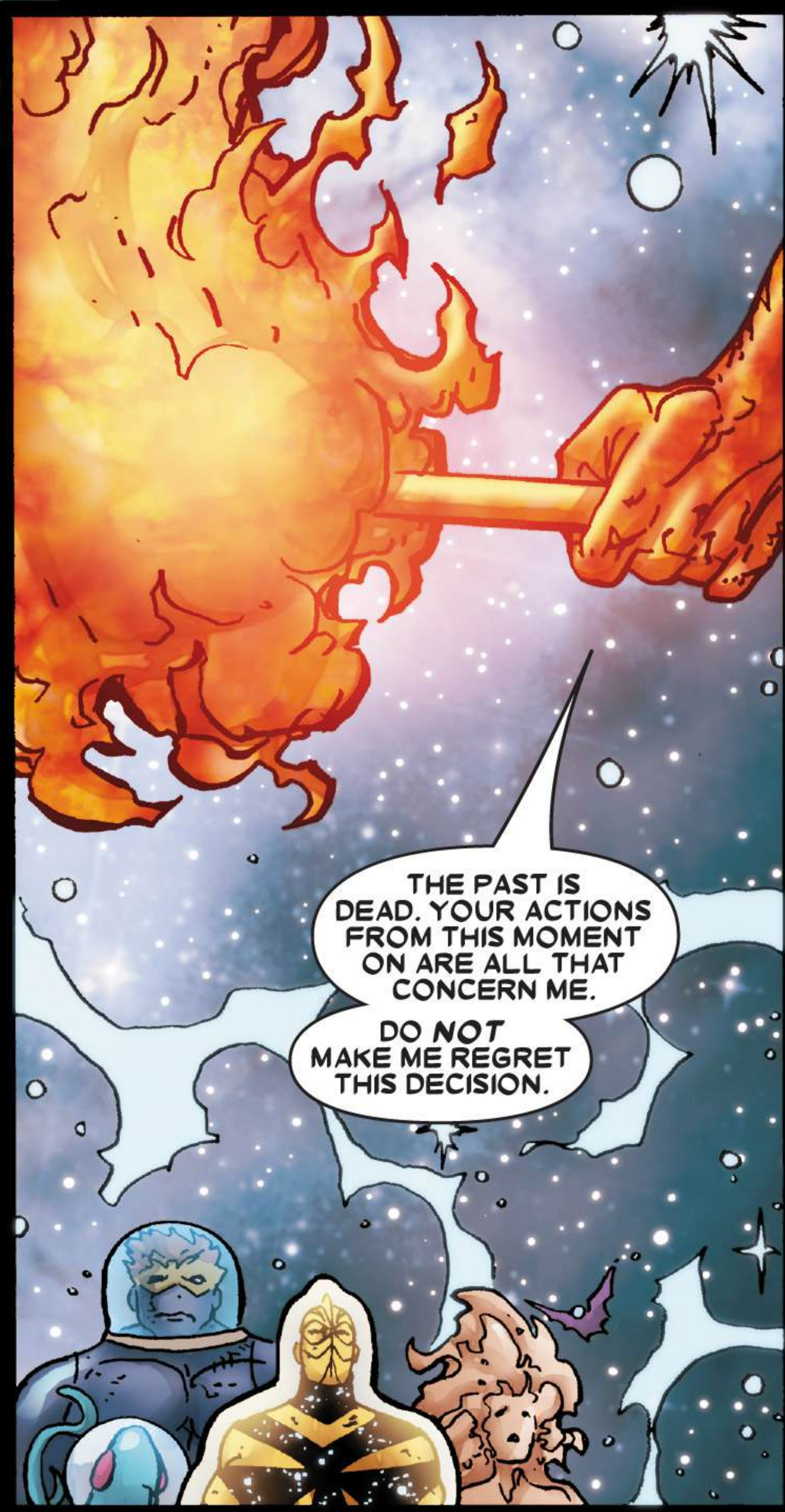




WAR CORRUPTS. WE WERE ONCE THE KEEPERS OF ORDER IN CHAOTIC REALMS. THERE WAS A TIME THE CENTURIONS WERE LOOKED UPON AS HEROES.

WE WERE MISLED BY OUR OWN ZEALOTRY, UNDONE BY OUR BLIND ADHERENCE TO ANNIHILUS' SANCTIMONY.

WE WERE FOOLS...AND WORSE.



THE PAST IS DEAD. YOUR ACTIONS FROM THIS MOMENT ON ARE ALL THAT CONCERN ME.

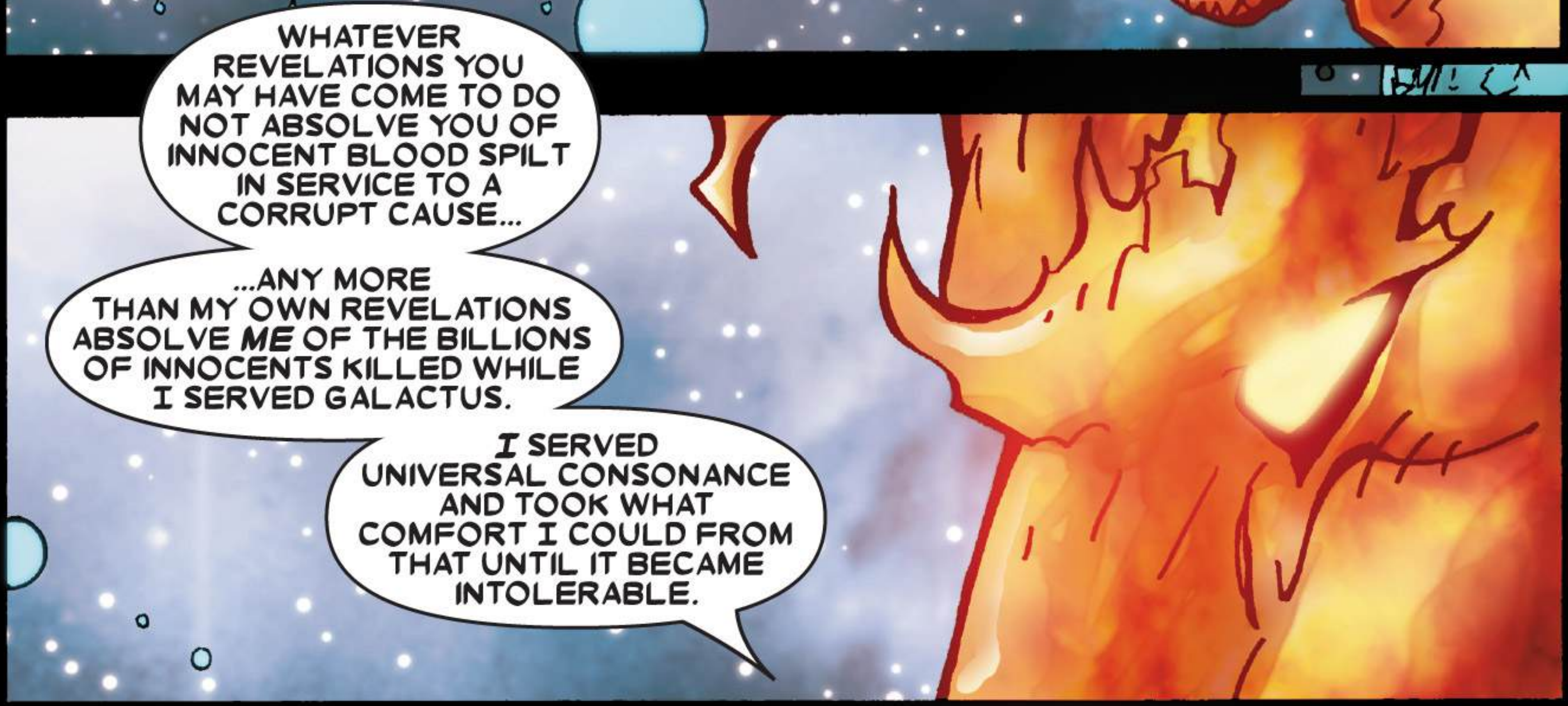
DO NOT MAKE ME REGRET THIS DECISION.



KNOW THIS, CENTURION. YOU LIVE BY MY TOLERANCE.

THE PATH YOU HAVE NOW CHOSEN DOES NOT EXONERATE YOU FROM PAST ACTIONS.

WAR IS NOT AN EXCUSE, NOR IS PEACE A PARDON. YOUR KIND ARE WAR CRIMINALS. THERE IS NOT ONE OF YOU WITHOUT THE BLOOD OF INNOCENTS ON YOUR HANDS.



WHATEVER REVELATIONS YOU MAY HAVE COME TO DO NOT ABSOLVE YOU OF INNOCENT BLOOD SPILT IN SERVICE TO A CORRUPT CAUSE...

...ANY MORE THAN MY OWN REVELATIONS ABSOLVE ME OF THE BILLIONS OF INNOCENTS KILLED WHILE I SERVED GALACTUS.

I SERVED UNIVERSAL CONSONANCE AND TOOK WHAT COMFORT I COULD FROM THAT UNTIL IT BECAME INTOLERABLE.



YOU SERVED A MANIACAL BEING UNTIL THE TRUTH BEHIND HIS WAR BECAME KNOWN.

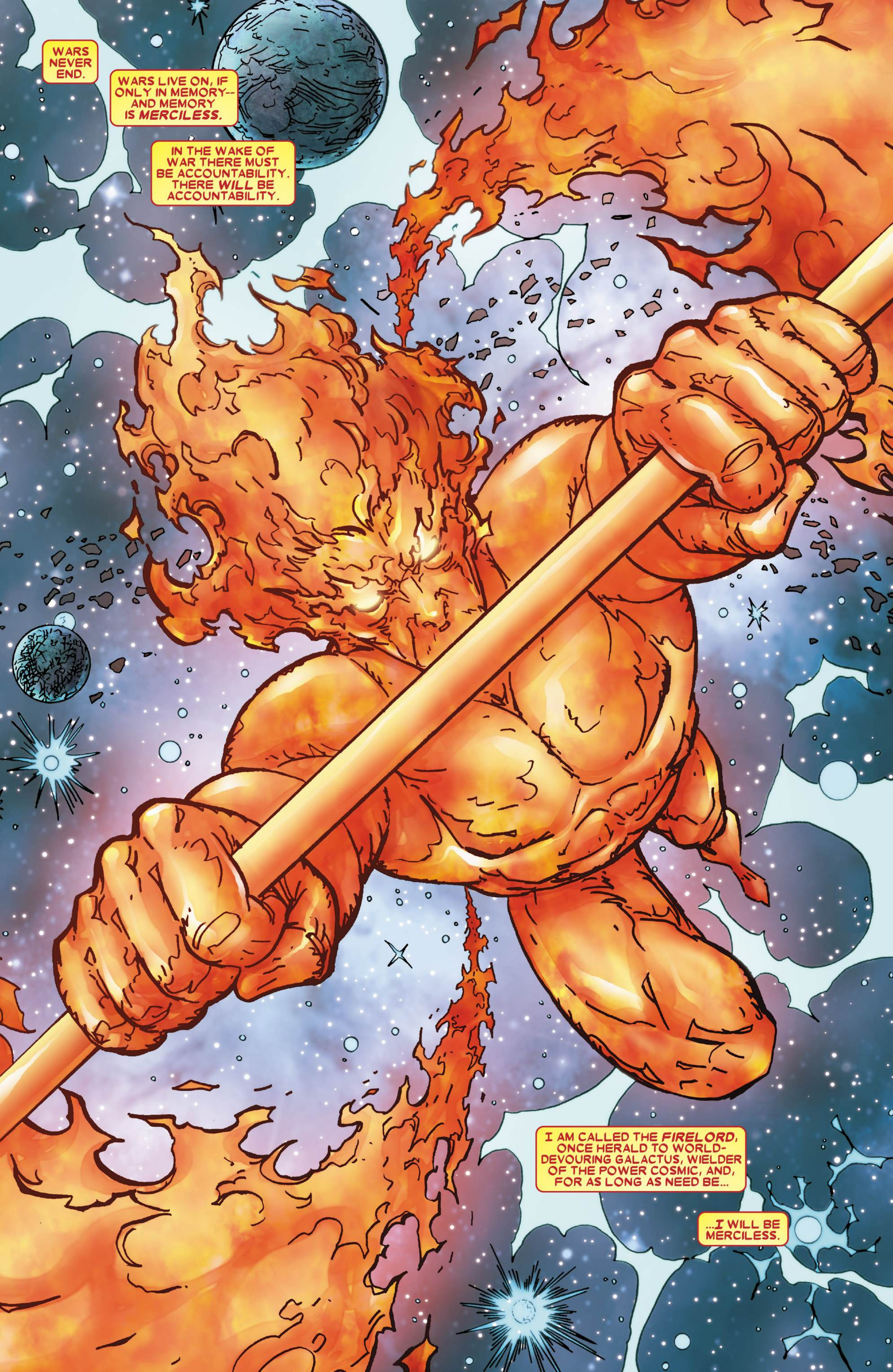


THIS DOES NOT MAKE US "KIN".

DO RIGHT OR DIE.



UNDERSTOOD.



WARS
NEVER
END.

WARS LIVE ON, IF
ONLY IN MEMORY--
AND MEMORY
IS **MERCILESS**.

IN THE WAKE OF
WAR THERE MUST
BE ACCOUNTABILITY.
THERE **WILL** BE
ACCOUNTABILITY.

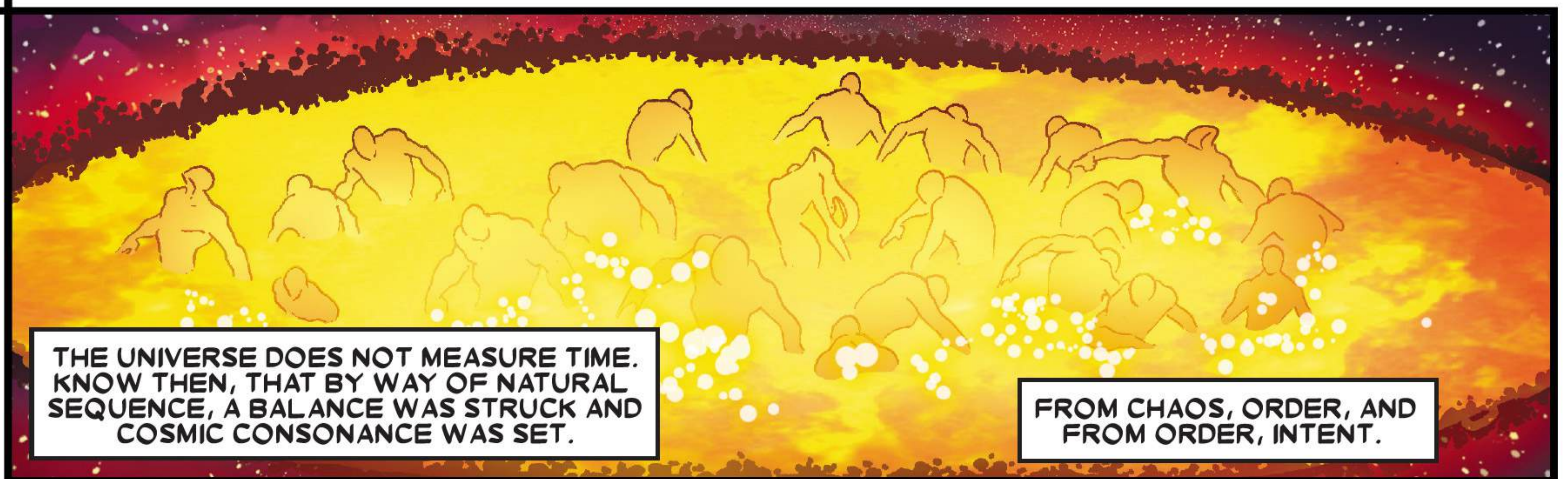
I AM CALLED THE **FIRELORD**,
ONCE HERALD TO WORLD-
DEVOURING GALACTUS, WIELDER
OF THE POWER COSMIC, AND,
FOR AS LONG AS NEED BE...

...I WILL BE
MERCILESS.



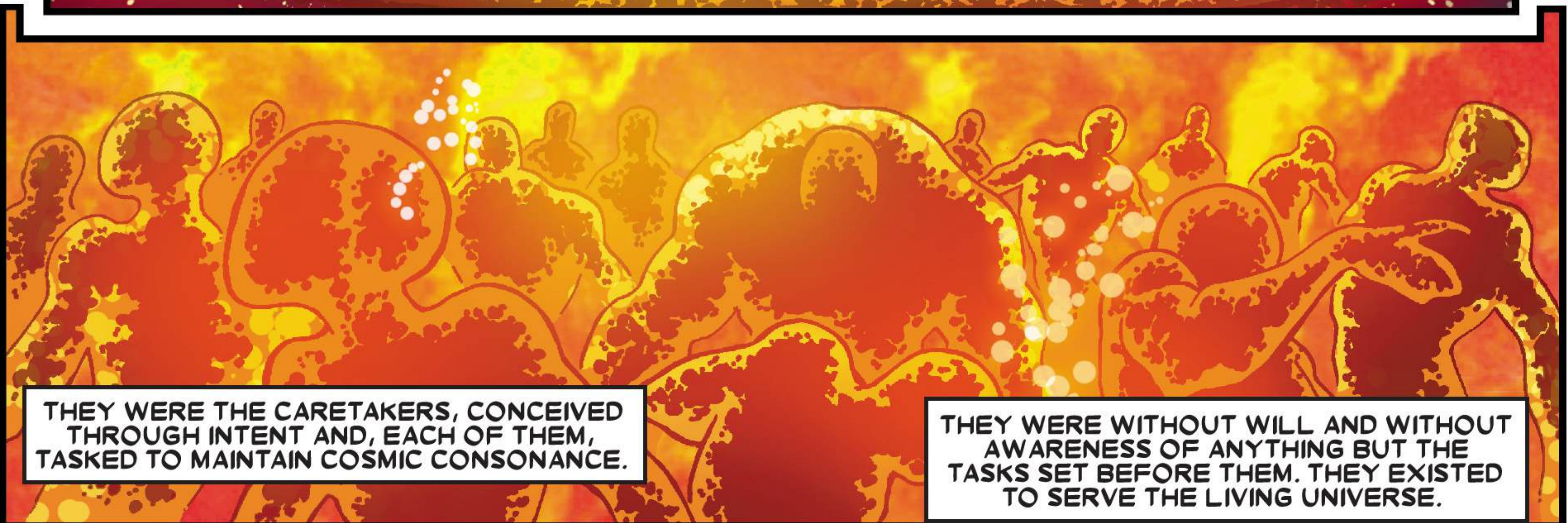
KNOW THAT THE CREATION EVENT IS EVER UNKNOWABLE. KNOW ALSO, THAT WHEN THE LIVING UNIVERSE WAS YOUNG, IT WAS OF CHAOS. THERE WAS BEAUTY, BUT IT WAS THE BEAUTY OF THE VOID, FORMLESS AND WITHOUT INTENT.

COSMIC CONSONANCE DEMANDED THAT THERE BE ORDER TO BALANCE CHAOS.



THE UNIVERSE DOES NOT MEASURE TIME. KNOW THEN, THAT BY WAY OF NATURAL SEQUENCE, A BALANCE WAS STRUCK AND COSMIC CONSONANCE WAS SET.

FROM CHAOS, ORDER, AND FROM ORDER, INTENT.



THEY WERE THE CARETAKERS, CONCEIVED THROUGH INTENT AND, EACH OF THEM, TASKED TO MAINTAIN COSMIC CONSONANCE.

THEY WERE WITHOUT WILL AND WITHOUT AWARENESS OF ANYTHING BUT THE TASKS SET BEFORE THEM. THEY EXISTED TO SERVE THE LIVING UNIVERSE.



PROEMIAL GODS, OR SO THEY CAME TO BE KNOWN. IN TIME I CAME TO KNOW THEM BY THE NAMES THEY DEALT THEMSELVES, ONCE PURPOSE EVOLVED INTO AWARENESS.

ANTIPHON THE OVERSEER, FIRST
AMONG EQUALS, TASKED WITH
MONITORING COSMIC CONSONANCE.

BRIO OF LIFE, TASKED
WITH THE WELFARE OF
FLEDGLING LIFE-FORMS.

DIABLERI OF CHAOS,
BECAUSE ORDER
UNCHECKED LEADS
TO ENTROPY.

AEGIS OF ALL
SORROWS, TASKED
WITH CULLING THE
LIVING UNIVERSE
OF DIVERGENCES
AND ABERRATIONS.

TENEBOUS OF THE DARKNESS
BETWEEN, TASKED WITH
THE BLACK, THE LIVING MATTER
THAT BINDS THE UNIVERSE AND
MAKES IT WHOLE.

BROTHER'S KEEPER





IT WAS THROUGH DIABLERI THAT
THE CHAOS SPRITES CAME TO BE.
BEINGS BORN OF CHAOS,
POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE.

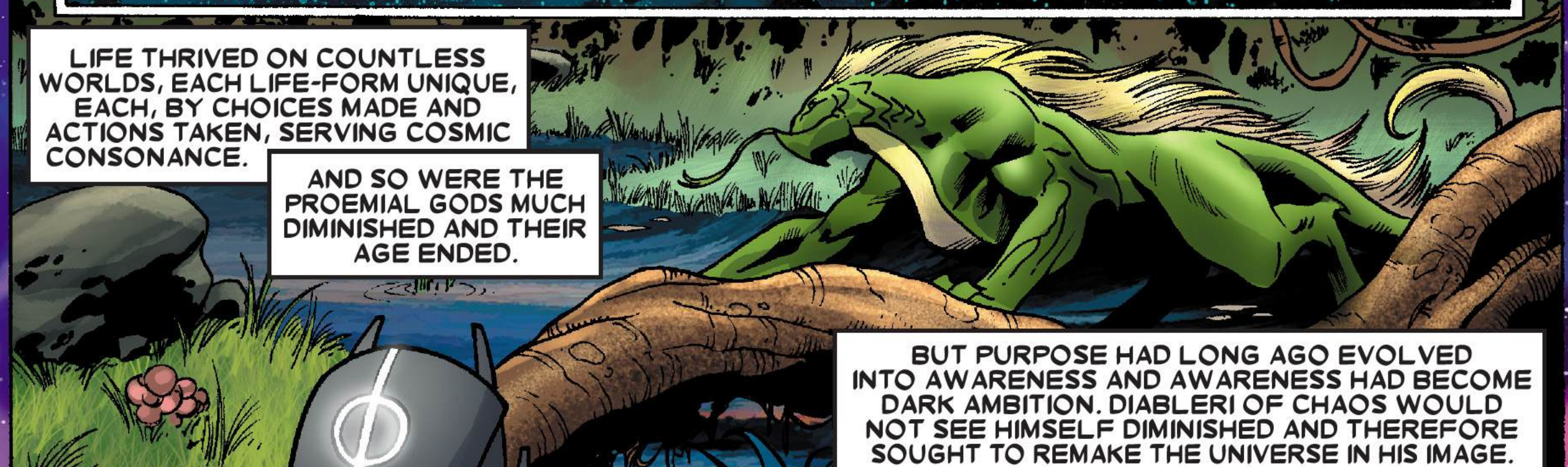
THESE WERE DIABLERI'S EYES AND EARS,
MINUTE SENTINELS TASKED BY THEIR
MASTER TO SOW CHAOS AMID ORDER.
THESE TOO SERVED COSMIC CONSONANCE.



THE PROEMIAL GODS SHEPHERDED THE
YOUNG UNIVERSE, MAINTAINING THE
DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN ORDER
AND CHAOS. AND THE LIVING UNIVERSE
EXPANDED AND FLOURISHED.

LIFE THRIVED ON COUNTLESS
WORLDS, EACH LIFE-FORM UNIQUE,
EACH, BY CHOICES MADE AND
ACTIONS TAKEN, SERVING COSMIC
CONSONANCE.

AND SO WERE THE
PROEMIAL GODS MUCH
DIMINISHED AND THEIR
AGE ENDED.



BUT PURPOSE HAD LONG AGO EVOLVED
INTO AWARENESS AND AWARENESS HAD BECOME
DARK AMBITION. DIABLERI OF CHAOS WOULD
NOT SEE HIMSELF DIMINISHED AND THEREFORE
SOUGHT TO REMAKE THE UNIVERSE IN HIS IMAGE.



TO THIS END, THROUGH
GUILLE AND CANT,
DIABLERI CORRUPTED
THE PURPOSE OF THE
PROEMIAL GODS AND
MANY CAME TO
EMBRACE HIS DARK
AMBITION, FOREMOST
AMONG THEM,
TENEBOUS OF THE
DARKNESS BETWEEN
AND AEGIS OF ALL
SORROWS.

SO WERE THE
PROEMIAL GODS SET
AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.
THERE WAS WAR...
AND GODS DIED.

HAD DIABLERI
NOT BROUGHT THE
WAR TO GALACTUS,
HE MIGHT HAVE
PREVAILED.

HIS BLIND
AMBITION WAS HIS
UNDOING. GALACTUS IS
OF GREATER PURPOSE.
GALACTUS KNEW THE
VOID AND THE SPECTRAL
WASTE FROM WHICH
THE VOID WAS
SHAPED.

GALACTUS IS
OF POWER!

GALACTUS'
WAS THE HAND
THAT SLEW DIABLERI,
GALACTUS' THE HAND
THAT IMPRISONED
TENEBOUS AND
AEGIS.

**DEEP SPACE.
UNCHARTED.**

THE
KYLN.

THE KYLN.
MASSIVE POWER
GENERATORS OF
UNKNOWN ORIGIN
BUT CLEAR
PURPOSE.

ALTERED BY
YOUR HAND TO SUIT
YOUR NEED.

A FIT PRISON
FOR FALLEN GODS;
POWERED BY THE CRUNCH,
BY THE ENERGY SURGE
GENERATED BY THE EXPANDING
UNIVERSE. THE ENERGIES THAT
BIRTHED THEM WOULD BIND
THEM FOR ALL TIME...OR SUCH
WAS GALACTUS' INTENT.

OF ALL THOSE FREED, NONE POSE A
GREATER THREAT THAN TENEBOUS
AND AEGIS. STRIKING AGAINST
GALACTUS WAS MERELY AN ACT
OF VENGEANCE. GIVEN TIME,
THEY WILL STRIKE AGAINST
THE VERY UNIVERSE.

THEY MUST
NOT BE GIVEN THAT
TIME. FIND THEM, HERALD.
GALACTUS WOULD SEE
THIS ENDED.

THEY STILL HARBOR
DIABLERI'S DARK AMBITIONS.
GIVEN TIME, THEY WILL MOVE
TO DISCIPLINE THIS UNIVERSE,
ENFORCE ORDER AS THEY
WOULD HAVE IT.

UNTIL THE
KYLN WAS DESTROYED
BY THE ANNIHILATION
WAVE.

AS YOU
WILL.



THERE
WILL BE A
RECKONING.

IT IS MUCH
CHANGED, THIS
UNIVERSE.

IT HAS
MATURED.

AND
BECOME *FERAL*.
IT HAS FORSAKEN
STRUCTURE. TOO MUCH
IS LEFT TO RANDOM
EVENT.

THIS UNIVERSE
LACKS DISCIPLINE. COSMIC
CONSONANCE CANNOT
BE LEFT TO RANDOM
EVENTS. WHERE ARE THE
CARETAKERS?

BLINDED BY
THEIR OWN PETTY
CONCERNS, MORE
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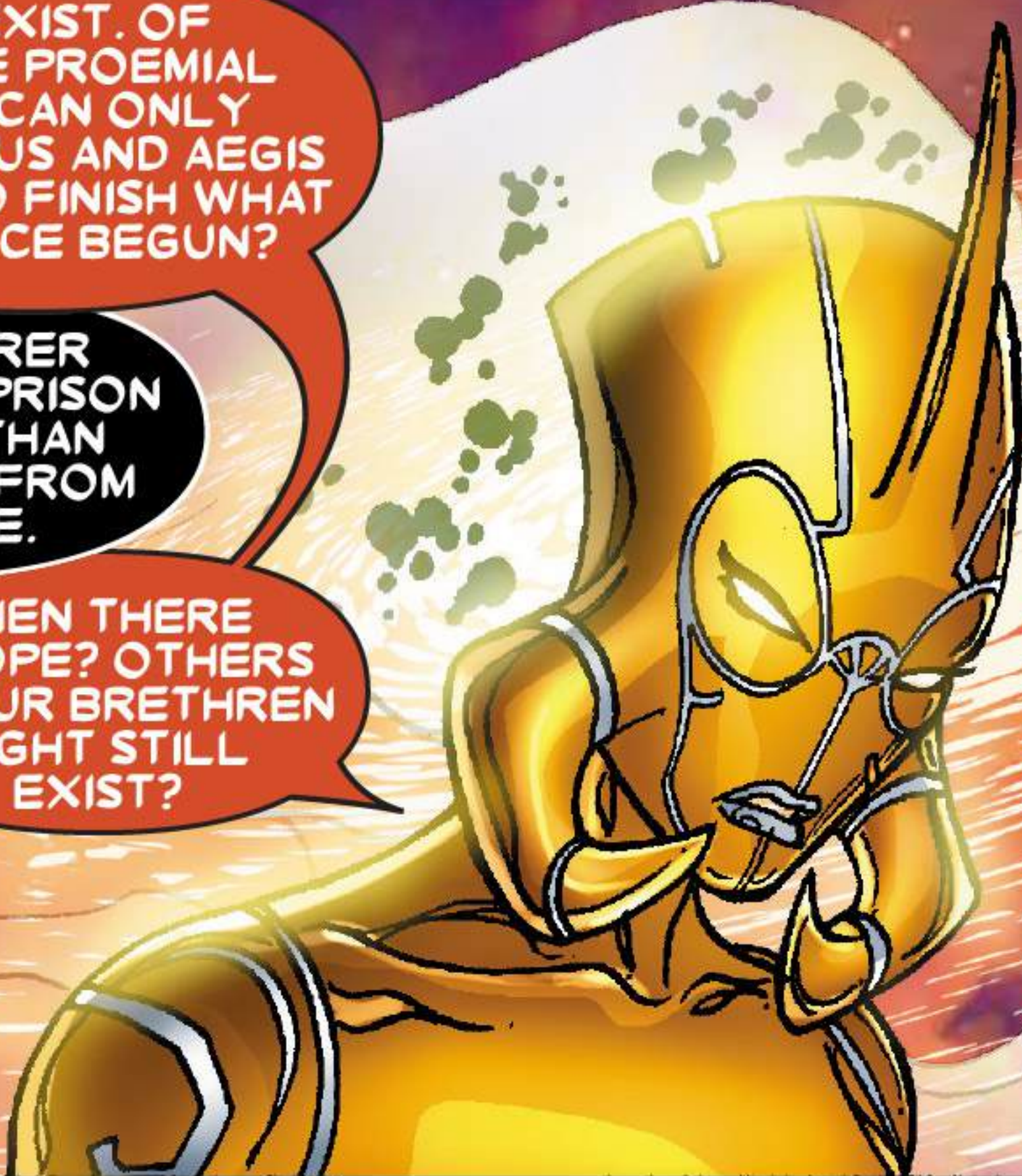
FORSAKEN,
EVEN AS WE WERE
FORSAKEN?



WE EXIST. OF
ALL THE PROEMIAL
GODS, CAN ONLY
TENEBOUS AND AEGIS
REMAIN TO FINISH WHAT
WAS ONCE BEGUN?

THE DEVOURER
SAW FIT TO IMPRISON
US RATHER THAN
EXPUNGE US FROM
EXISTENCE.

THEN THERE
IS HOPE? OTHERS
OF OUR BRETHREN
MIGHT STILL
EXIST?



"THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE."

THEIR ENERGY SIGNATURES STAND OUT LIKE TWIN BEACONS. THEY MAKE NO EFFORT TO CLOAK THEMSELVES FROM DISCOVERY.

JUST AS WELL.

NO CLOAK, HOWEVER WELL-WROUGHT, CAN HIDE THEM FROM ME. I CAN TRACK A GRAIN OF DUST THROUGH THE INFINITE VOID OF SPACE, CAN SENSE THE PRESENCE OF ANY LIVING BEING I SEEK.

HOLD! THEIR ENERGY SIGNATURES HAVE BLINKED OUT! THEY ARE GONE! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

NO. NOT GONE, BUT MOVED IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE TO A POINT SO DISTANT THAT THEIR TRAIL IS A MERE WHISPER AMID COSMIC DIN.

LET THEM MOVE ABOUT AS THEY WISH. I WILL TRACK THEM TO THE ENDS OF THE UNIVERSE IF NEED BE.

THE WILL OF GALACTUS IS THAT THEY BE FOUND...

...HIS WILL BE DONE.

THE CRUNCH

OUR MILLENNIA-LONG IMPRISONMENT, REDUCED TO RUBBLE.

THERE IS NO SATISFACTION HERE, ONLY A REKINDLING OF MY ANGER AT THE INJUSTICE DONE US BY THE DEVOURER.

GALACTUS WAS GIVEN HIS DUE. THE DEVOURER IS NO LONGER OF CONSEQUENCE.

ANTIPHON THE OVERSEER.

HE LIVES?

HE DOES NOT.

HE WAS THE WEAKEST OF US, TASKED WITH SEEING ALL BUT FORBIDDEN TO ACT. HIS WAS THE MOST VULNERABLE FORM, FORM FITTED TO FUNCTION.

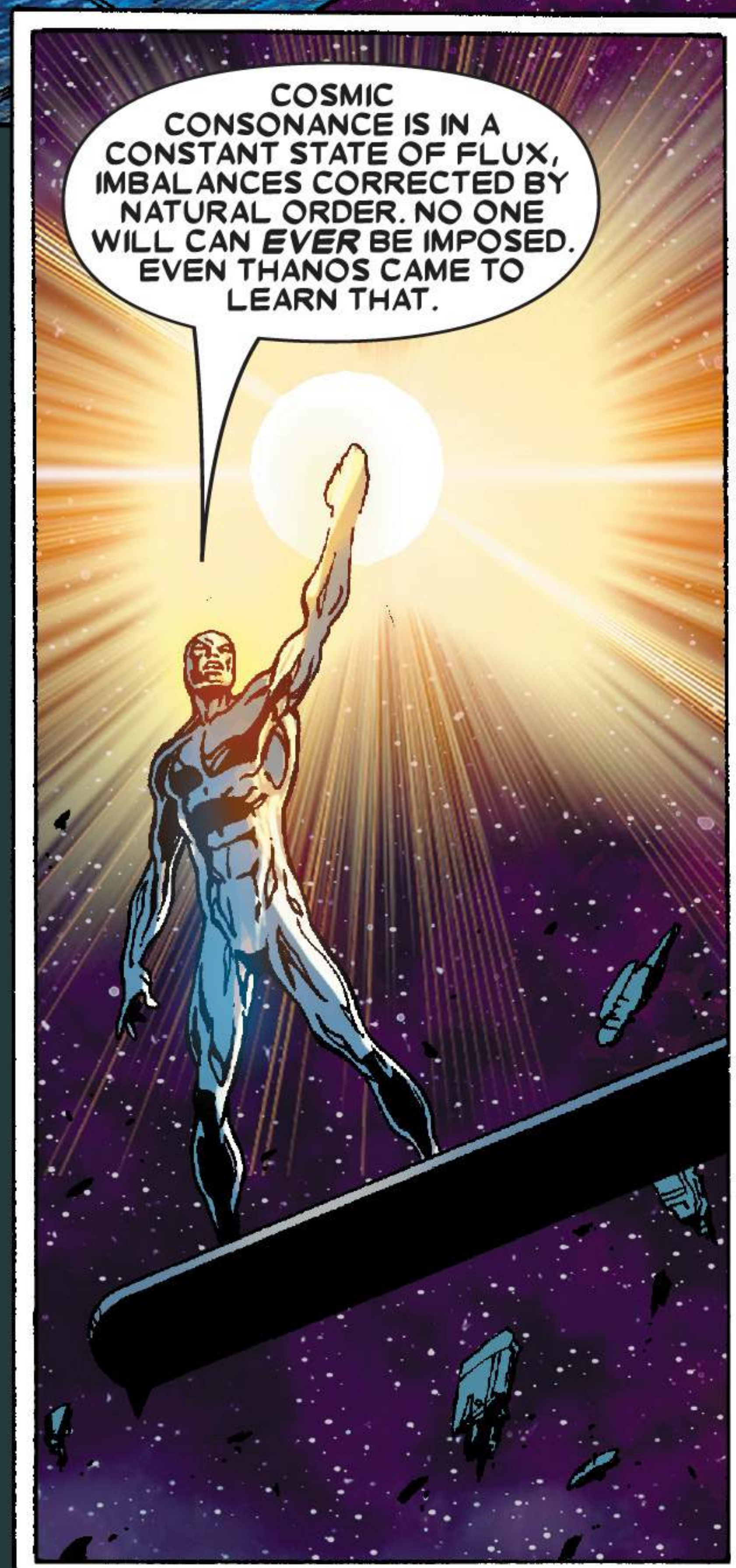
OF US ALL, ONLY ANTIPHON STOOD NEUTRAL. WHY WOULD THE DEVOURER IMPRISON ONE WHO REJECTED DIABLERI'S AMBITION?

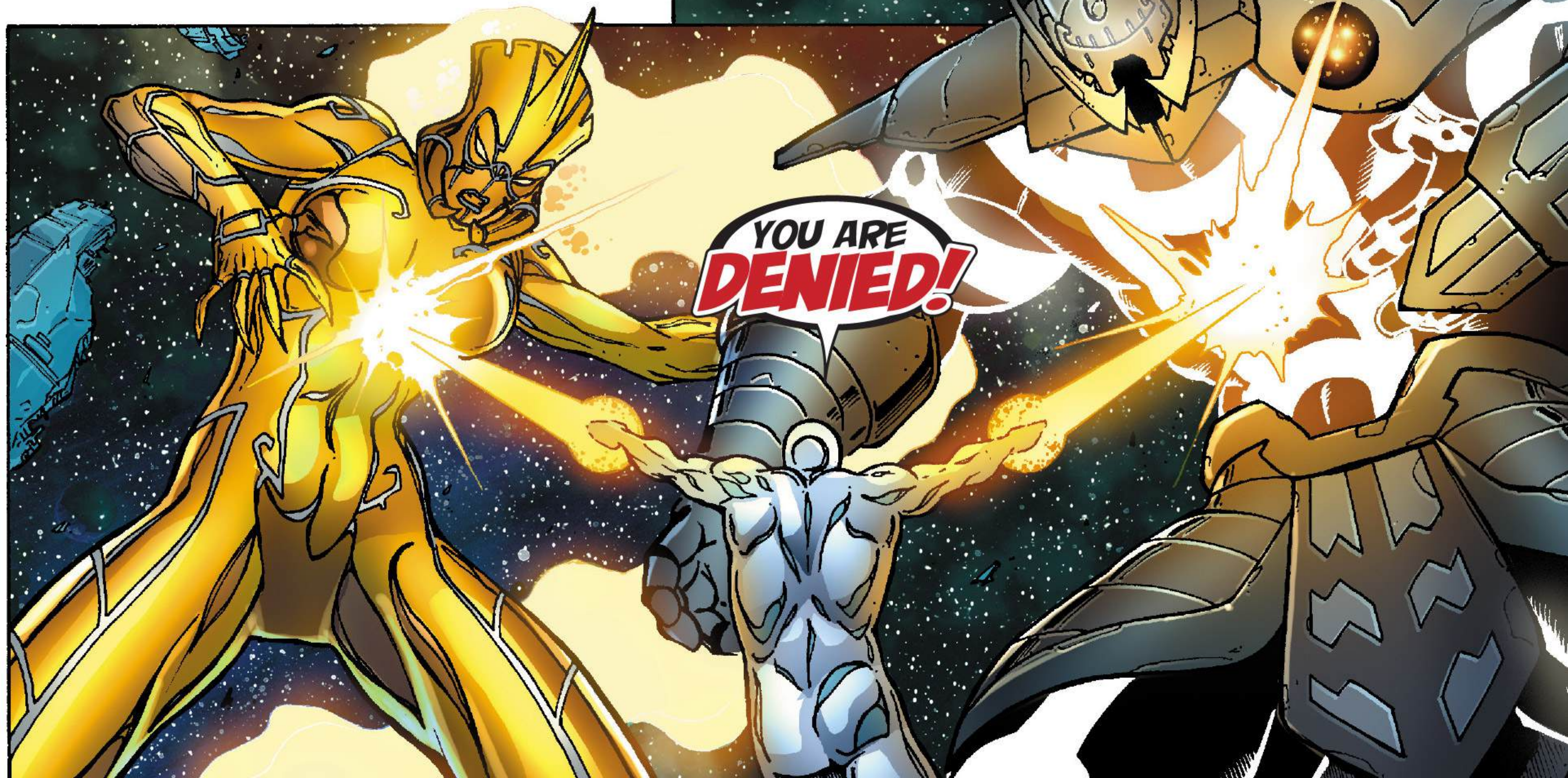
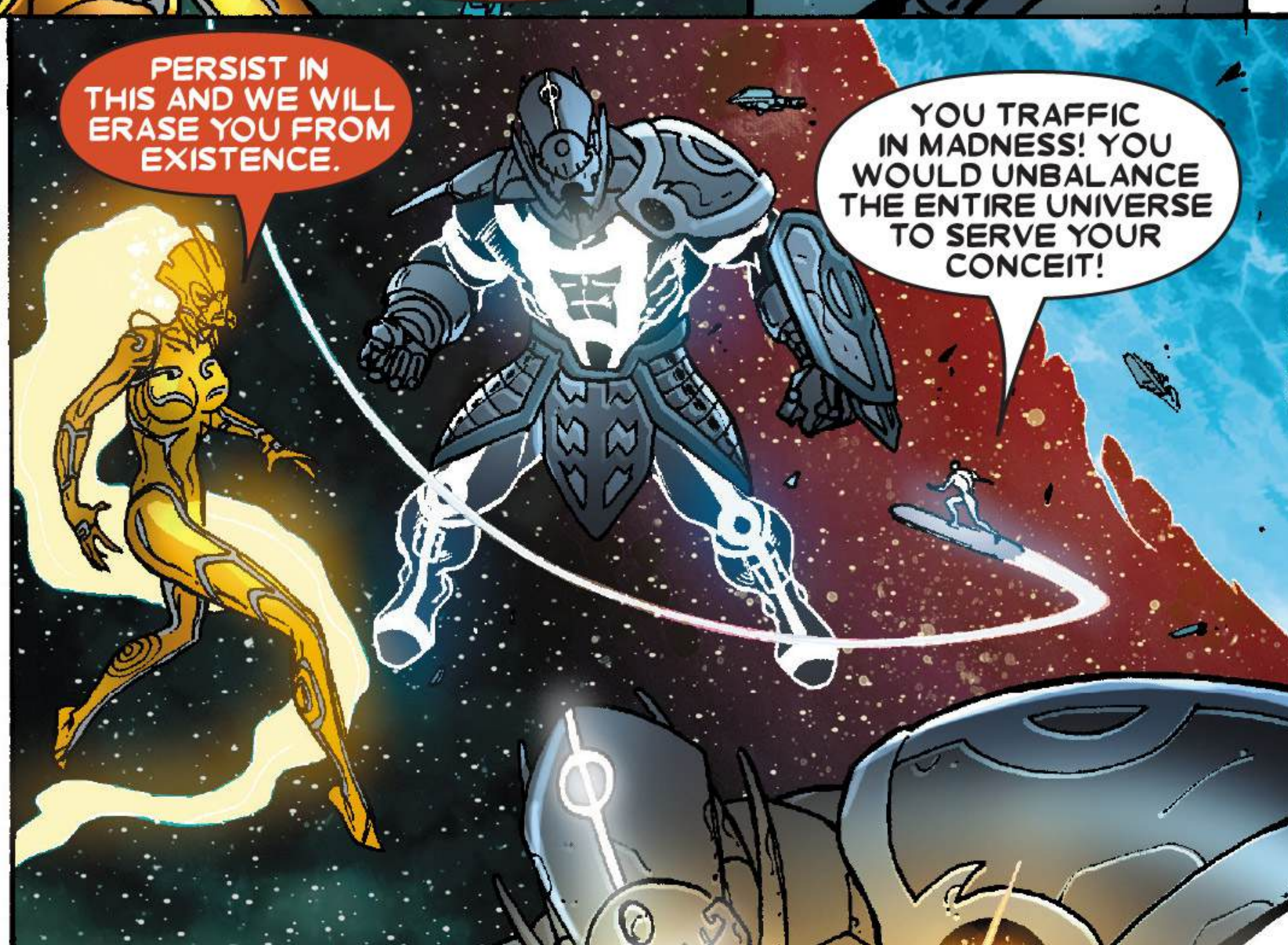
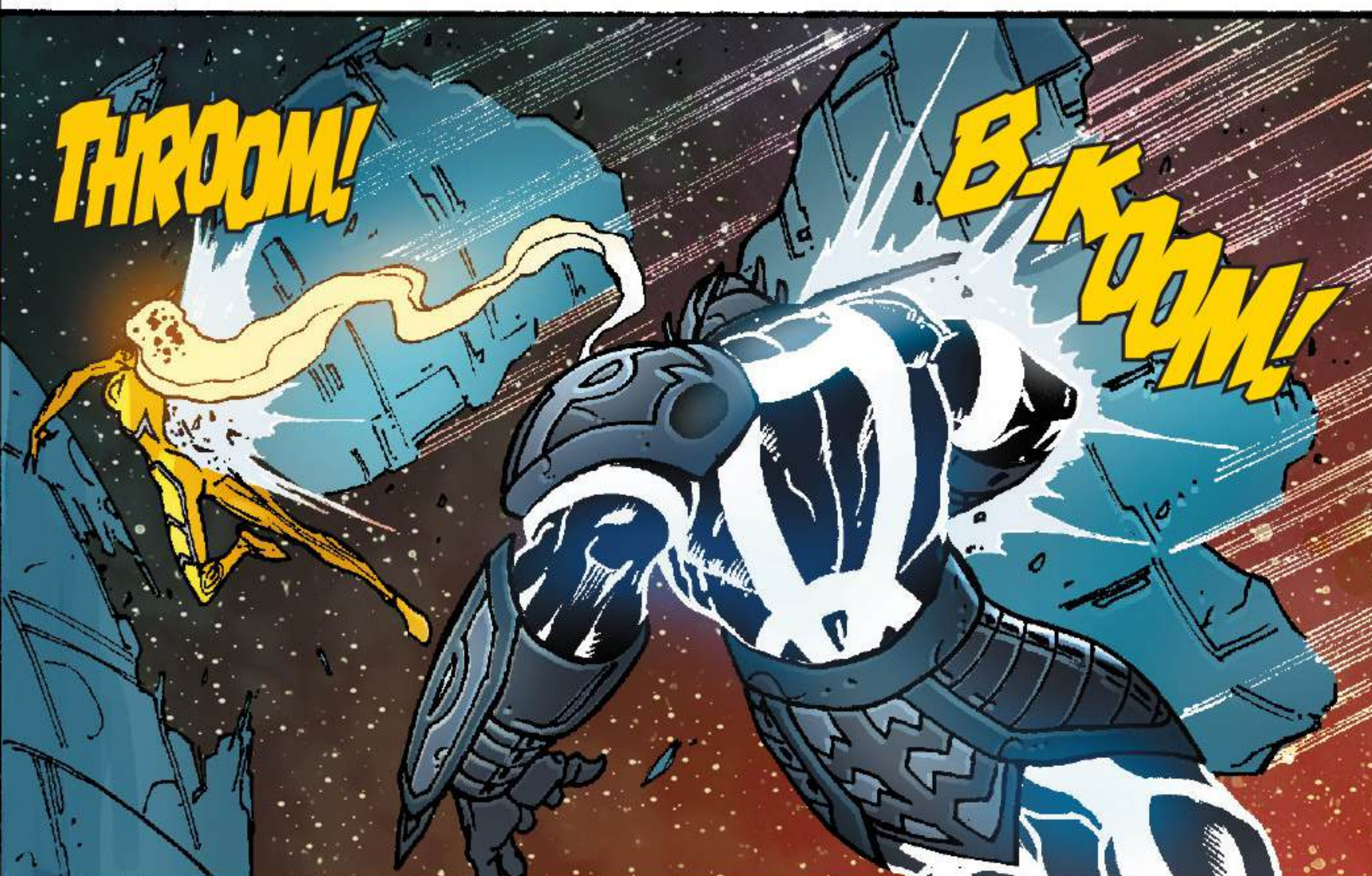
PERHAPS THE OVERSEER CAME TO EMBRACE IT OVER TIME. PERHAPS HE TOO CAME TO RESENT BEING DIMINISHED.

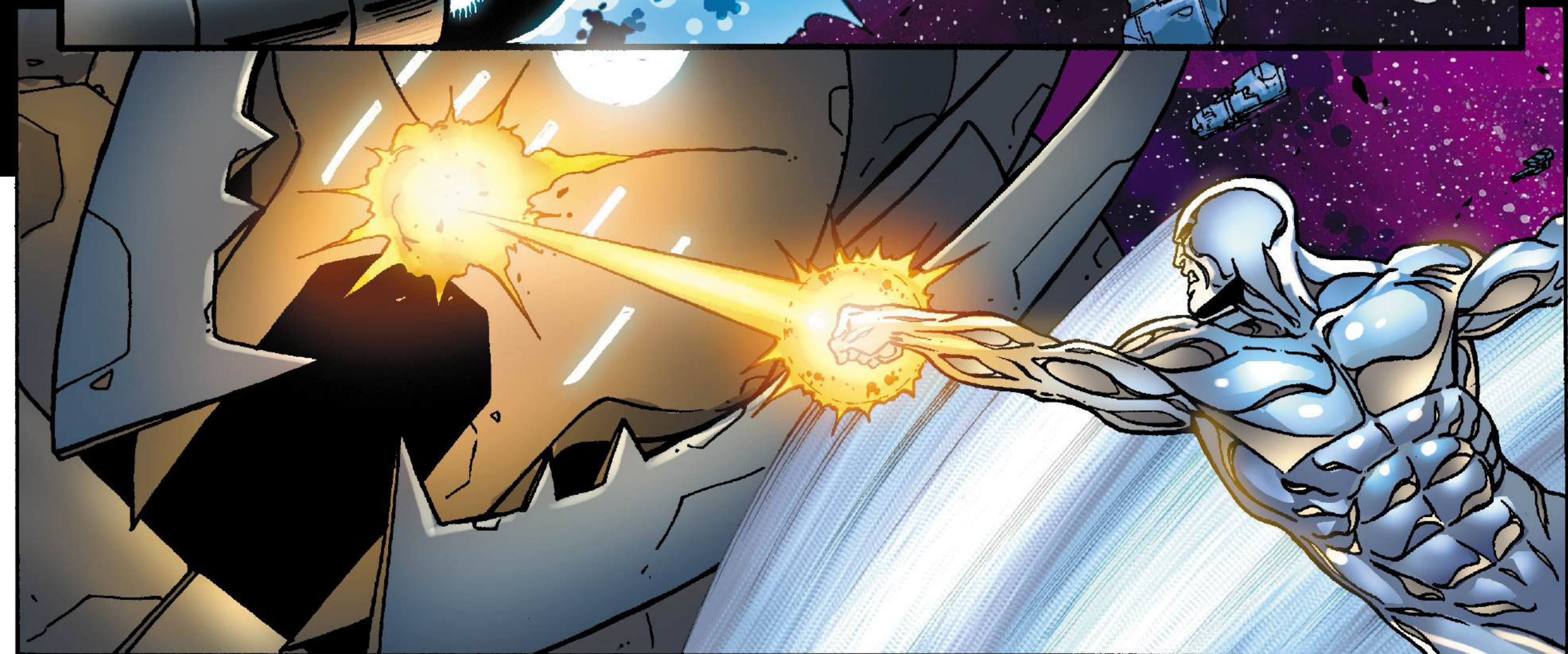
THIS DOES NOT BODE WELL. WHAT IF WE TWO ARE ALL THAT IS LEFT TO FINISH WHAT WAS ONCE BEGUN?

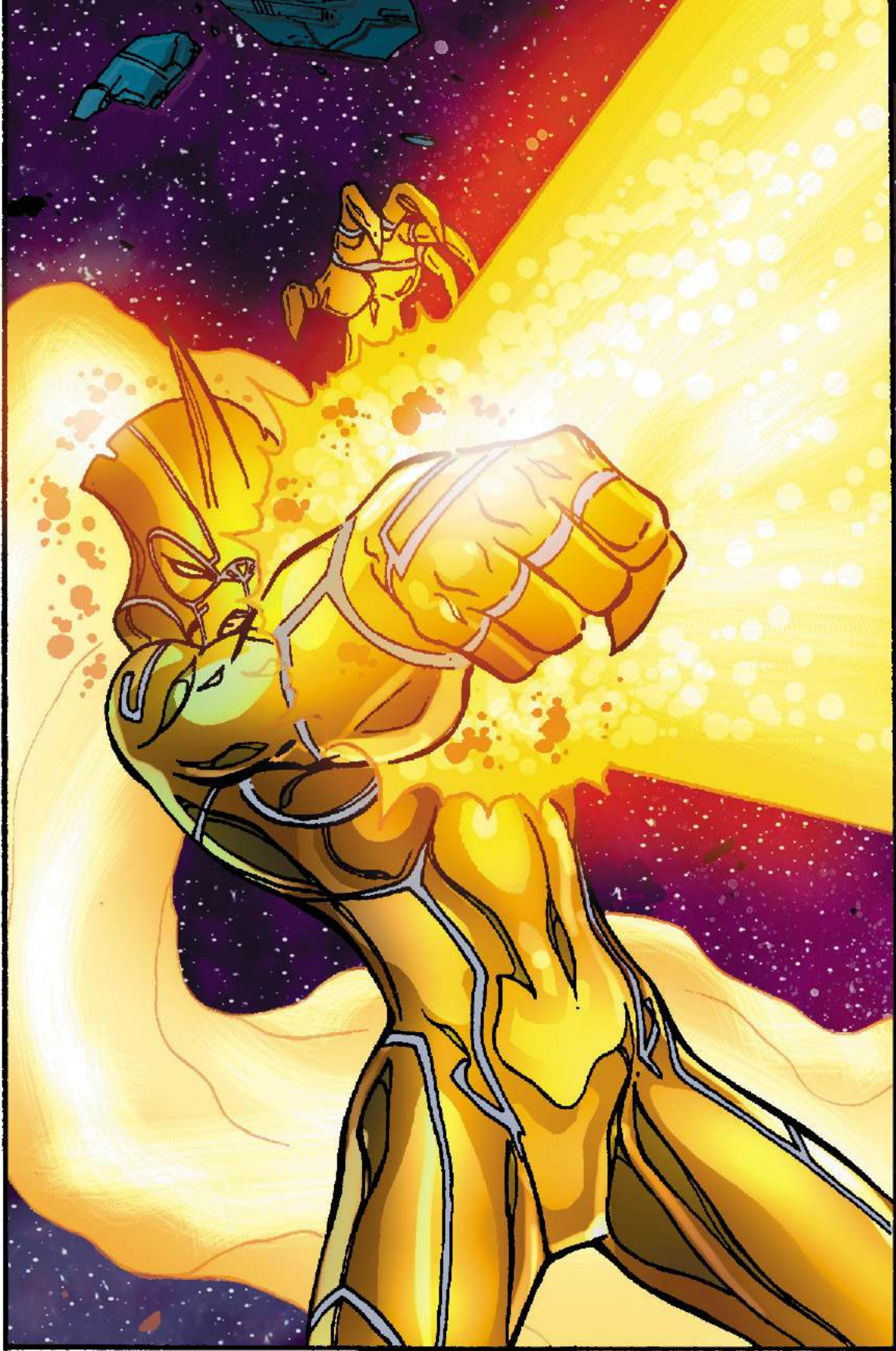
THEN WE DO WHAT MUST BE DONE TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE TO THE LIVING UNIVERSE. OURS MUST BE THE GUIDING HAND.

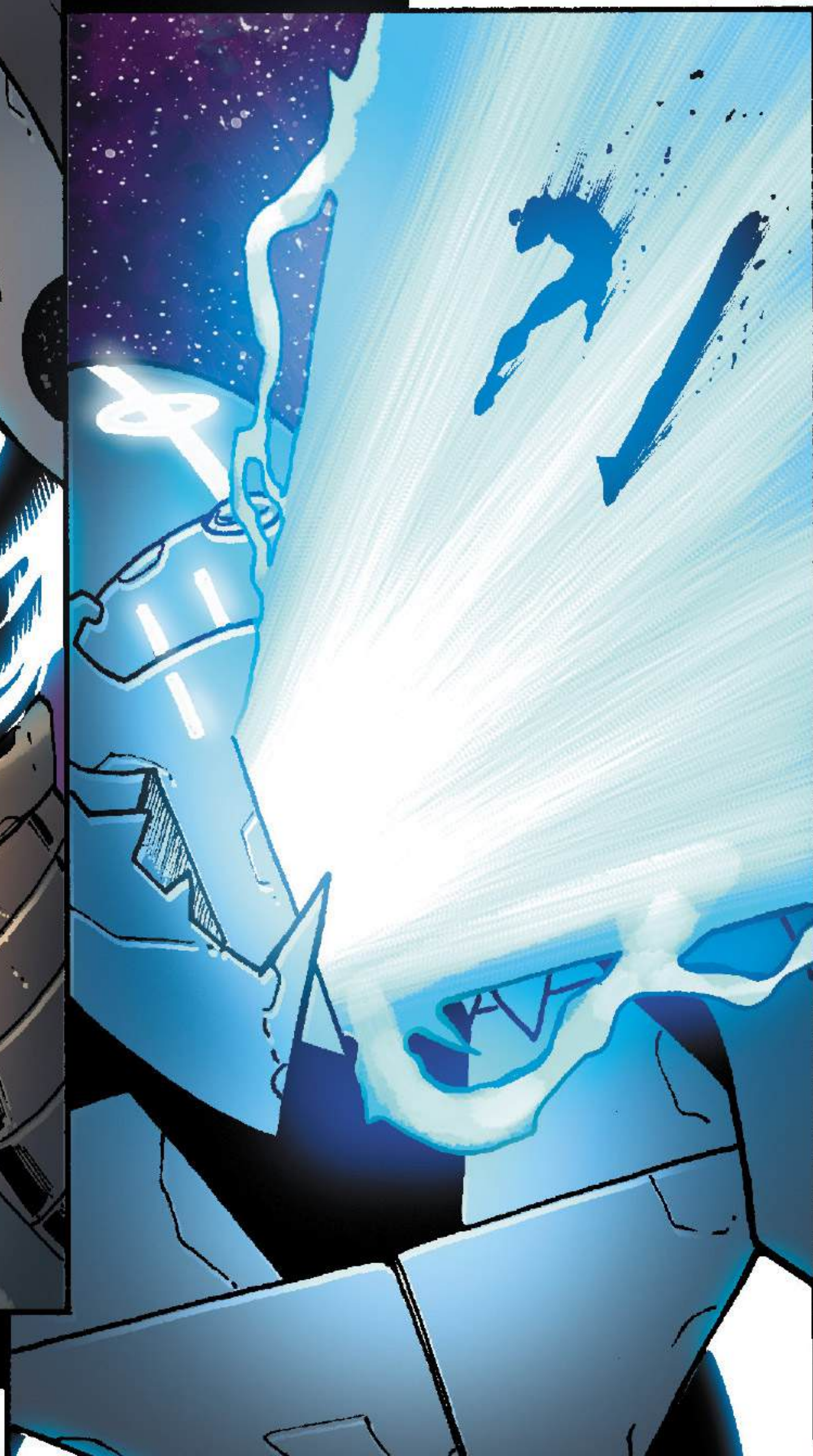
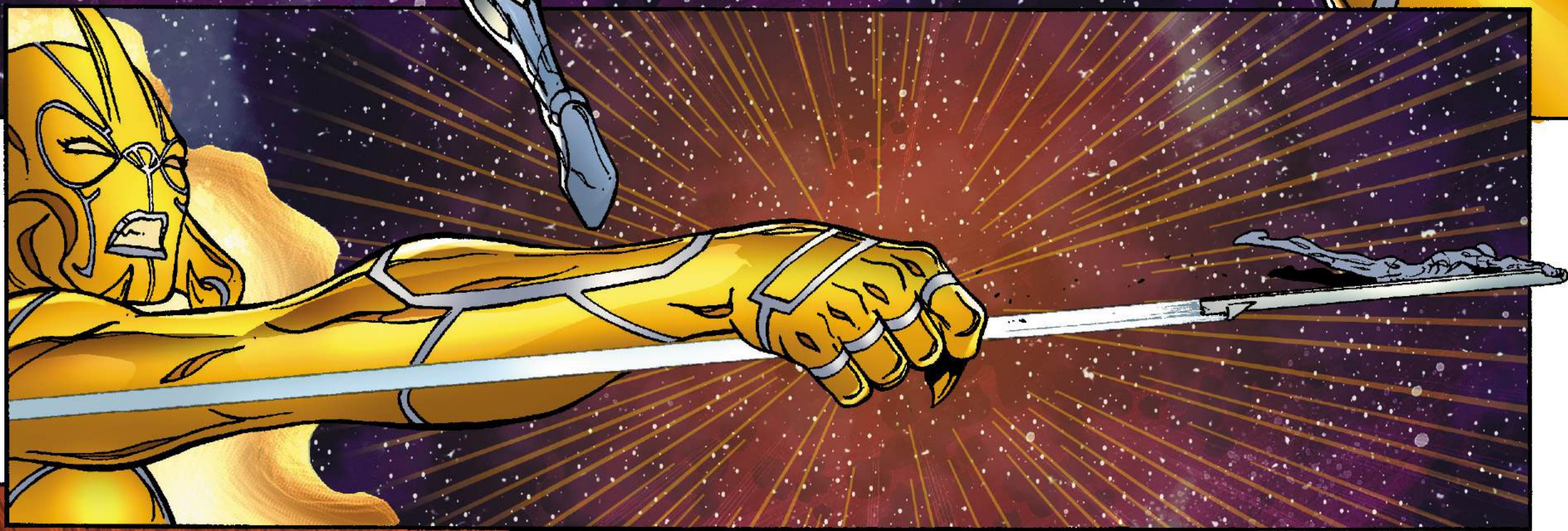
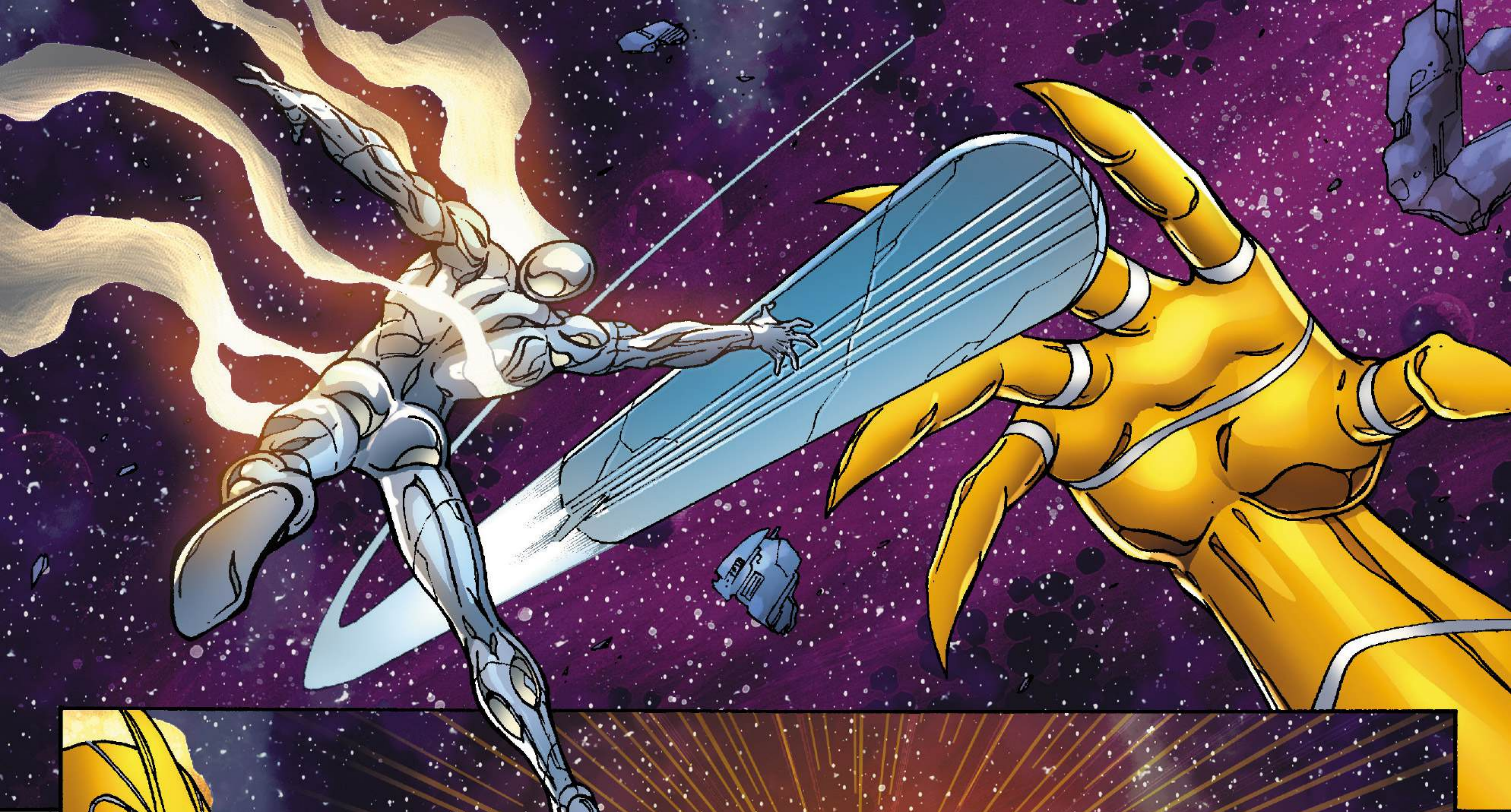
SO MUCH TO UNDO... SO MUCH TO MAKE RIGHT.

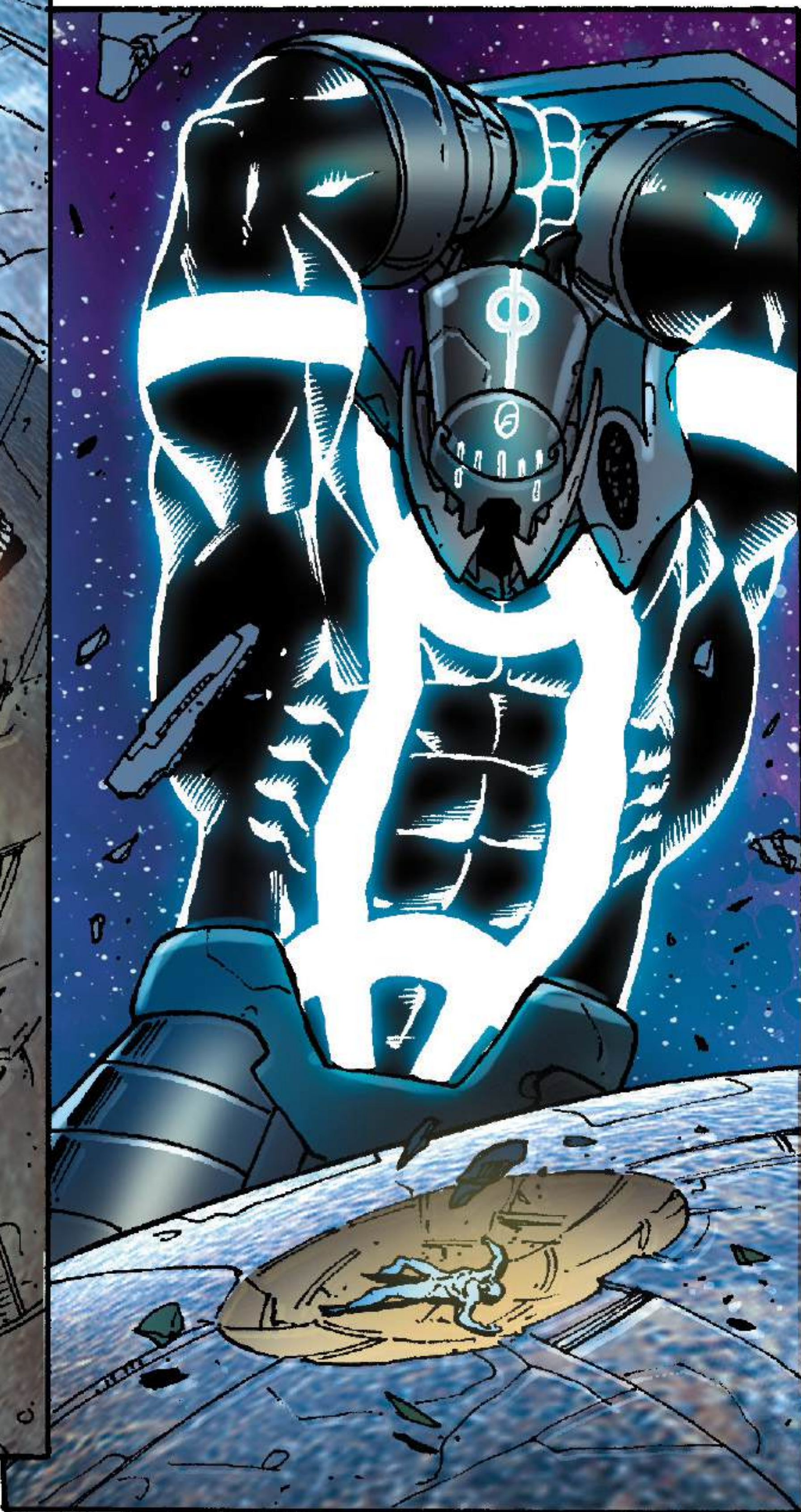
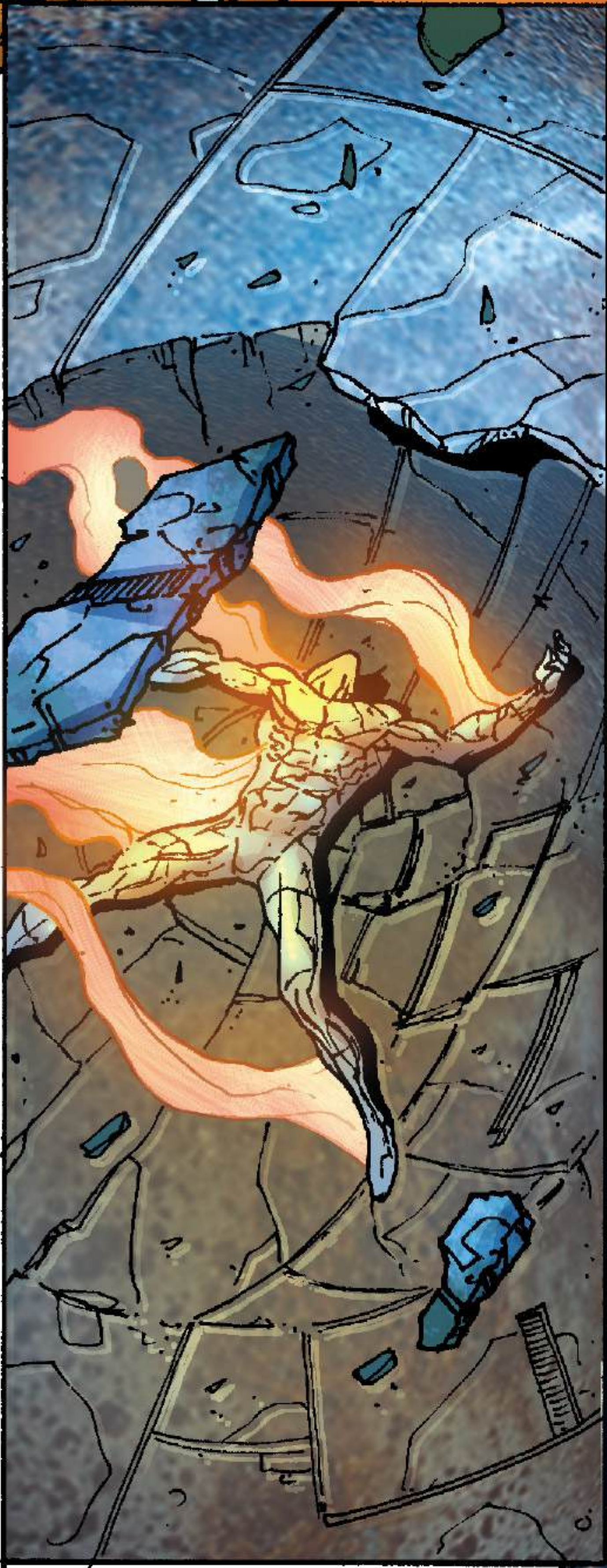


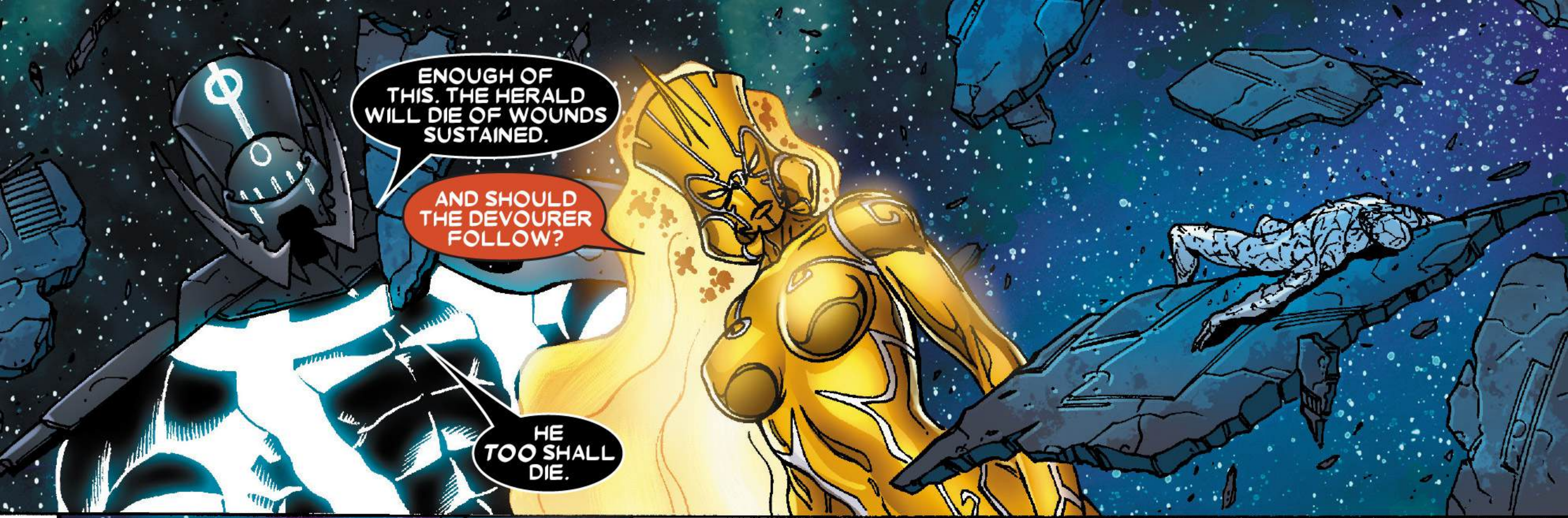








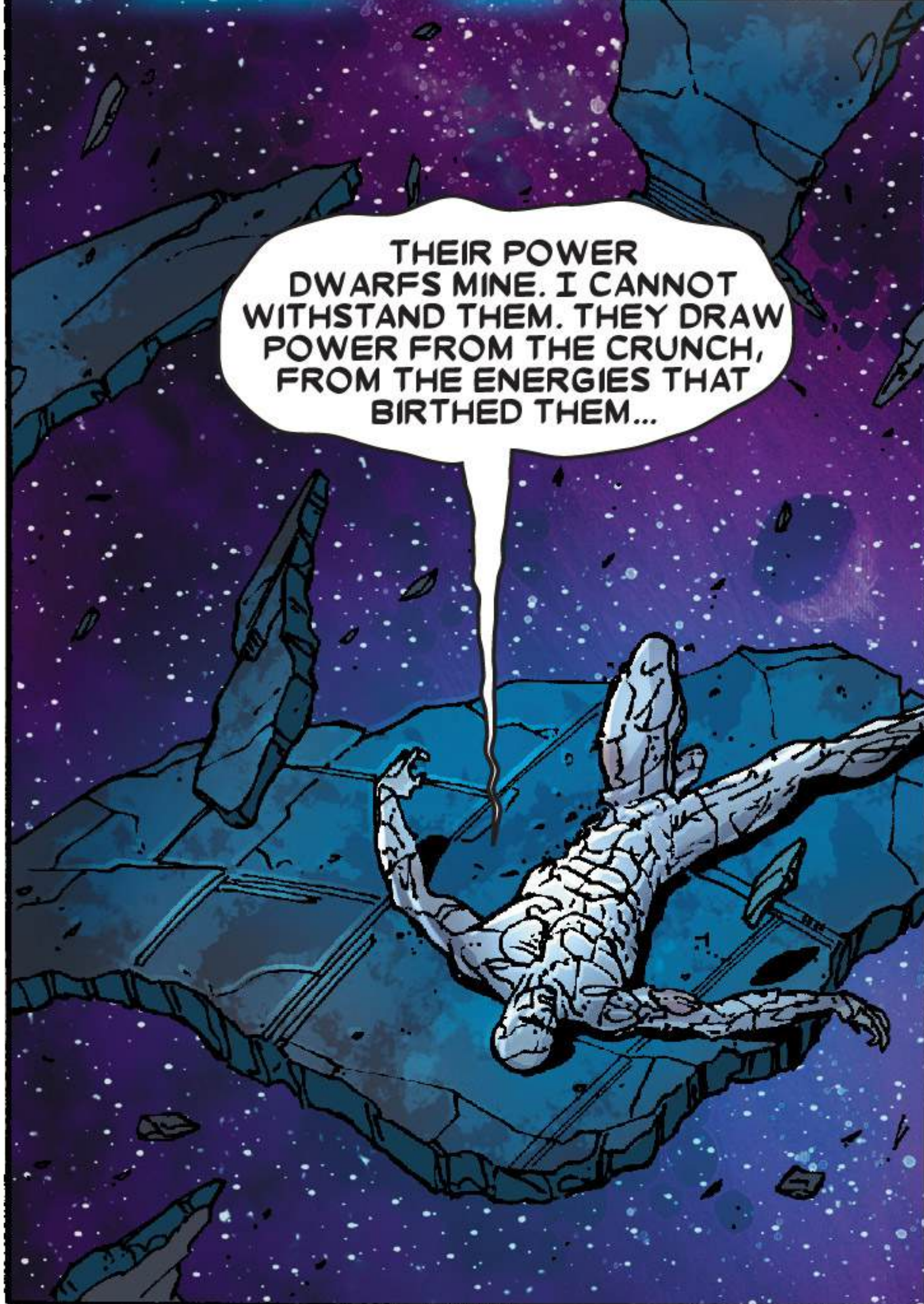




ENOUGH OF THIS. THE HERALD WILL DIE OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED.

AND SHOULD THE DEVOURER FOLLOW?

HE TOO SHALL DIE.

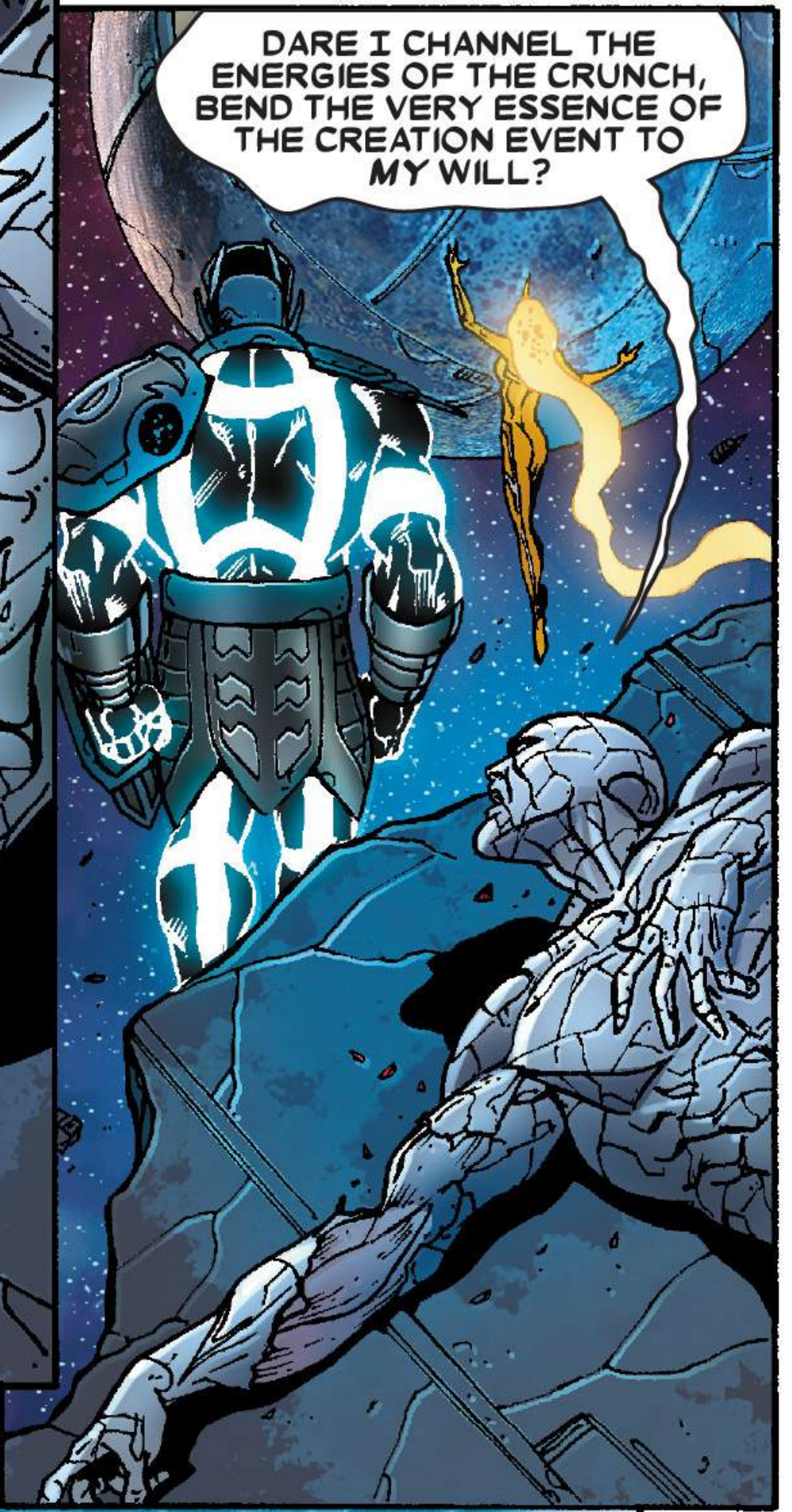


THEIR POWER DWARFS MINE. I CANNOT WITHSTAND THEM. THEY DRAW POWER FROM THE CRUNCH, FROM THE ENERGIES THAT BIRTHED THEM...



THE ENERGIES THAT **BIRTHED** THEM!

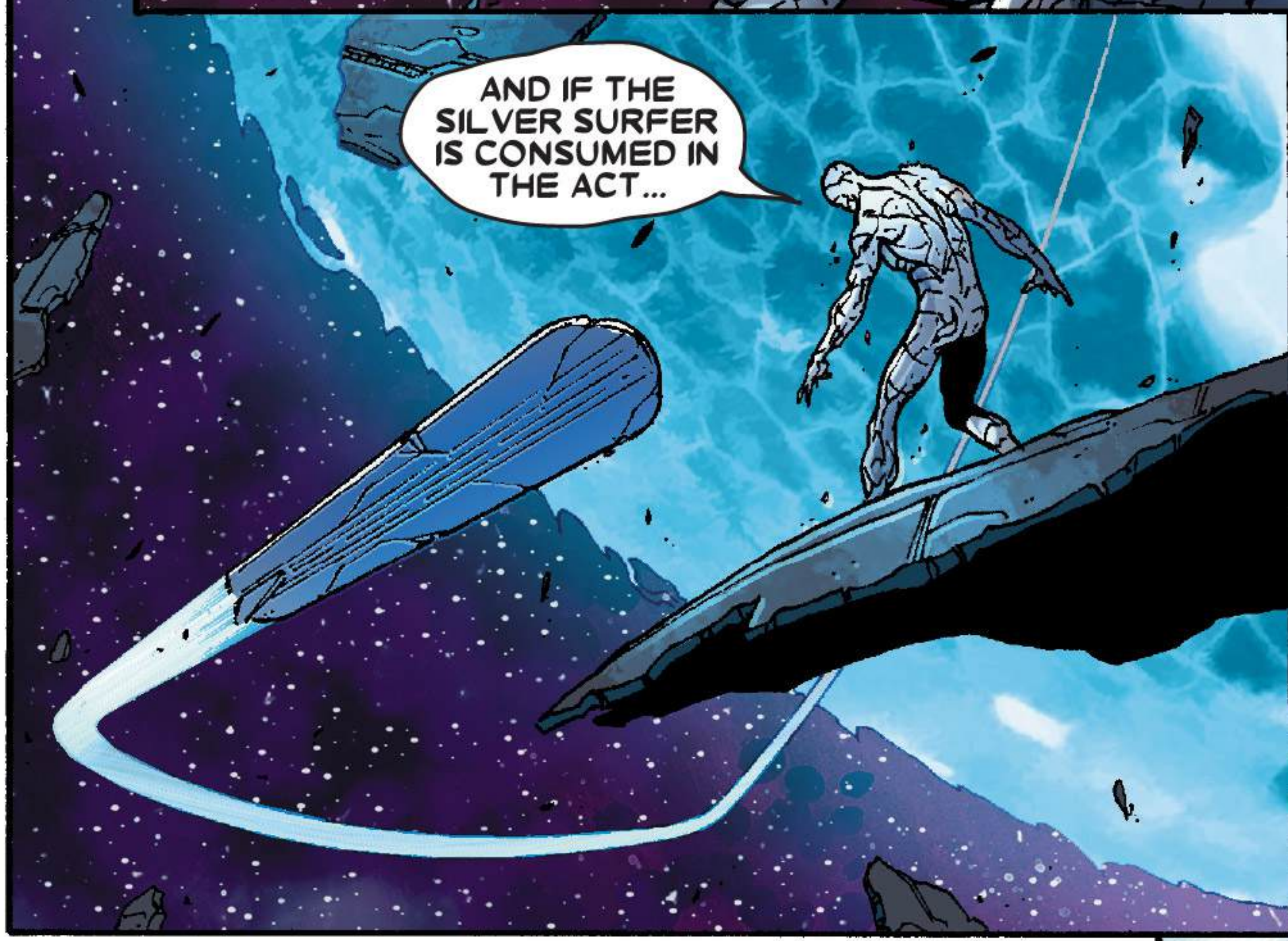
I CHANNEL THE COSMIC ENERGY THAT IS THE UNIVERSE'S BOUNTY; SUCH IS THE GIFT GIVEN TO ME BY GALACTUS' TOUCH.



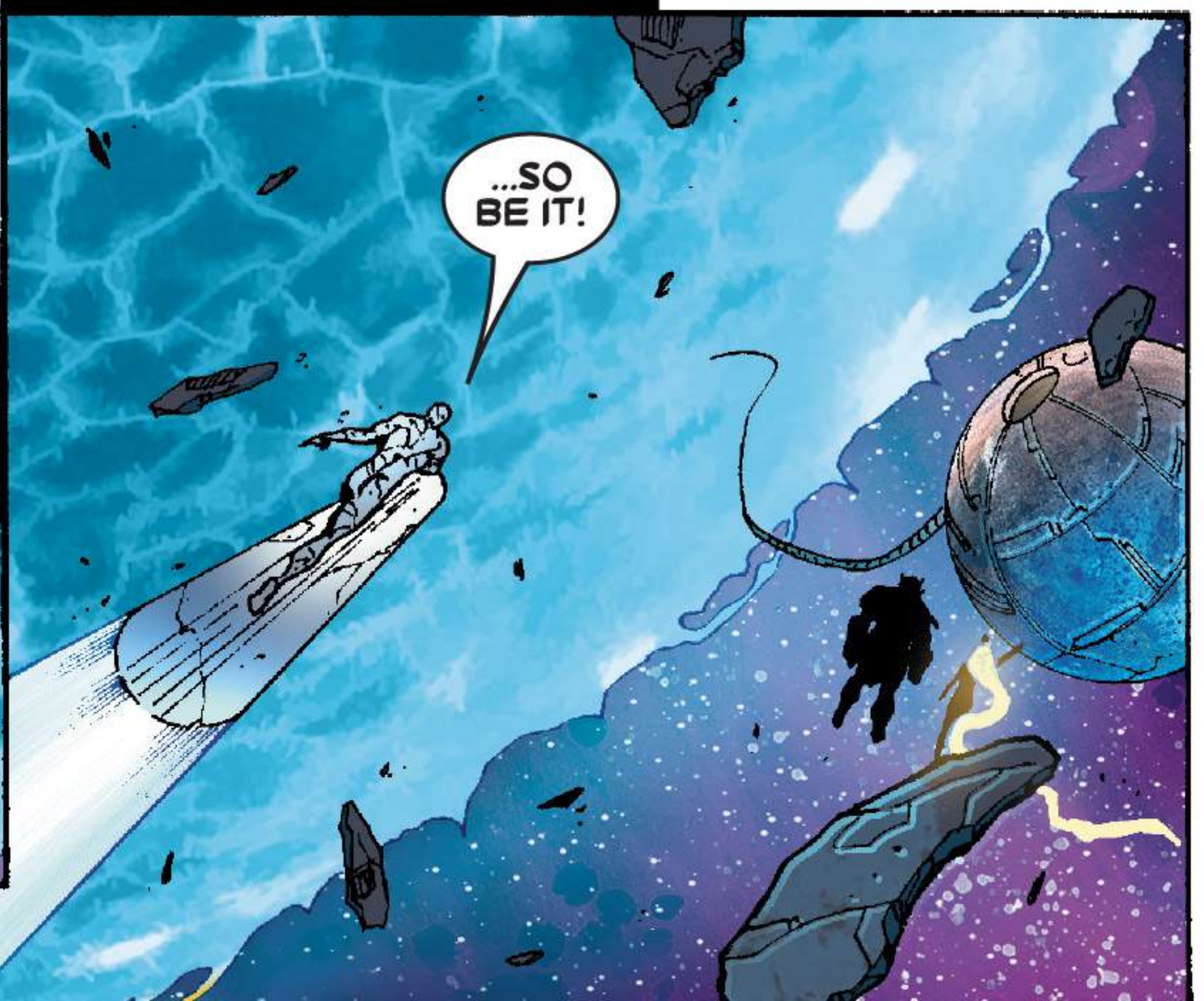
DARE I CHANNEL THE ENERGIES OF THE CRUNCH, BEND THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE CREATION EVENT TO MY WILL?



NO... NNNNGH...CHOICE. THEY MUST BE HELD!



AND IF THE SILVER SURFER IS CONSUMED IN THE ACT...



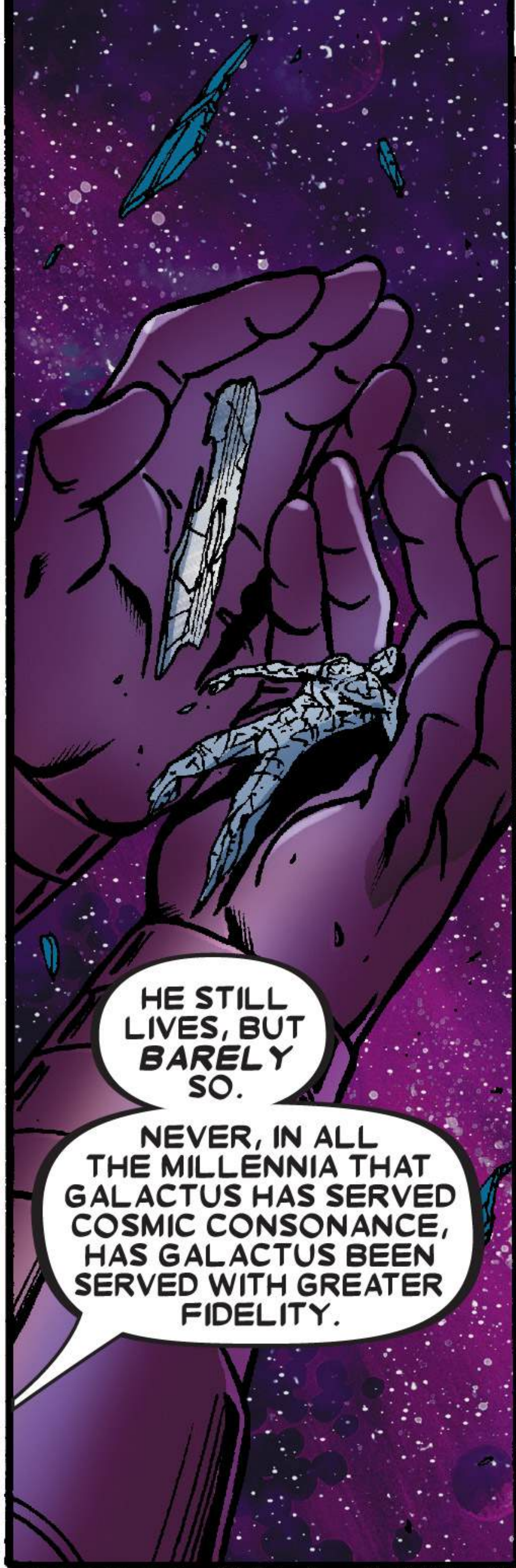
...SO BE IT!





AAAAARRRRHH!!!





HE STILL LIVES, BUT BARELY SO.

NEVER, IN ALL THE MILLENNIA THAT GALACTUS HAS SERVED COSMIC CONSONANCE, HAS GALACTUS BEEN SERVED WITH GREATER FIDELITY.



TO CHANNEL THE ENERGIES OF THE CRUNCH, ENERGIES THAT NOT EVEN GALACTUS CAN LONG WITHSTAND WITHOUT BEING CONSUMED...A FOOLHARDY ACT OF VALOR, HERALD.

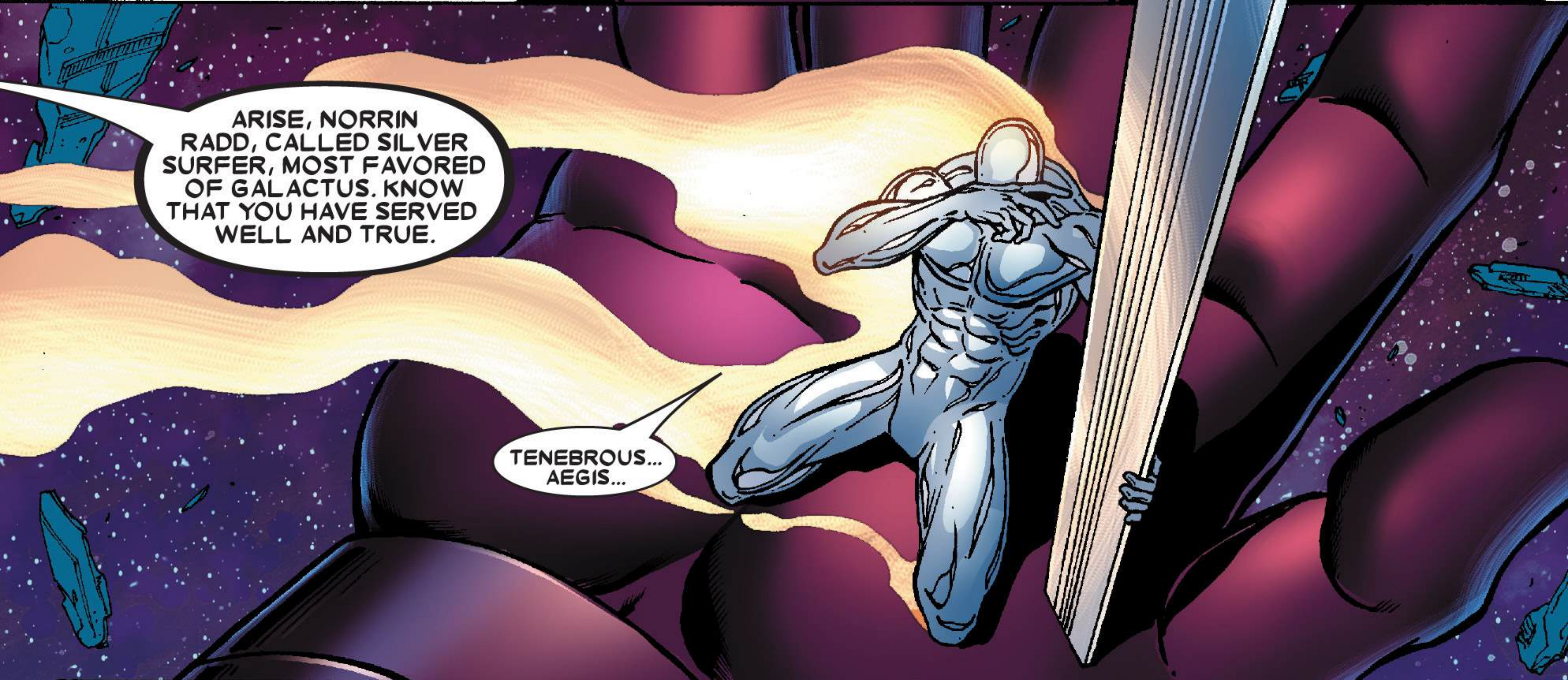
HIS VERY ESSENCE IS IRRADIATED. THE ENERGIES OF THE CRUNCH DEVOUR HIM FROM WITHIN. HE DIES EVEN AS I WATCH.



NO. THE SILVER SURFER WILL NOT DIE THIS DAY. GALACTUS WILL NOT ALLOW IT.



I WILL SEE MY HERALD RESTORED.



ARISE, NORRIN RADD, CALLED SILVER SURFER, MOST FAVORED OF GALACTUS. KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SERVED WELL AND TRUE.

TENEBOUS... AEGIS...



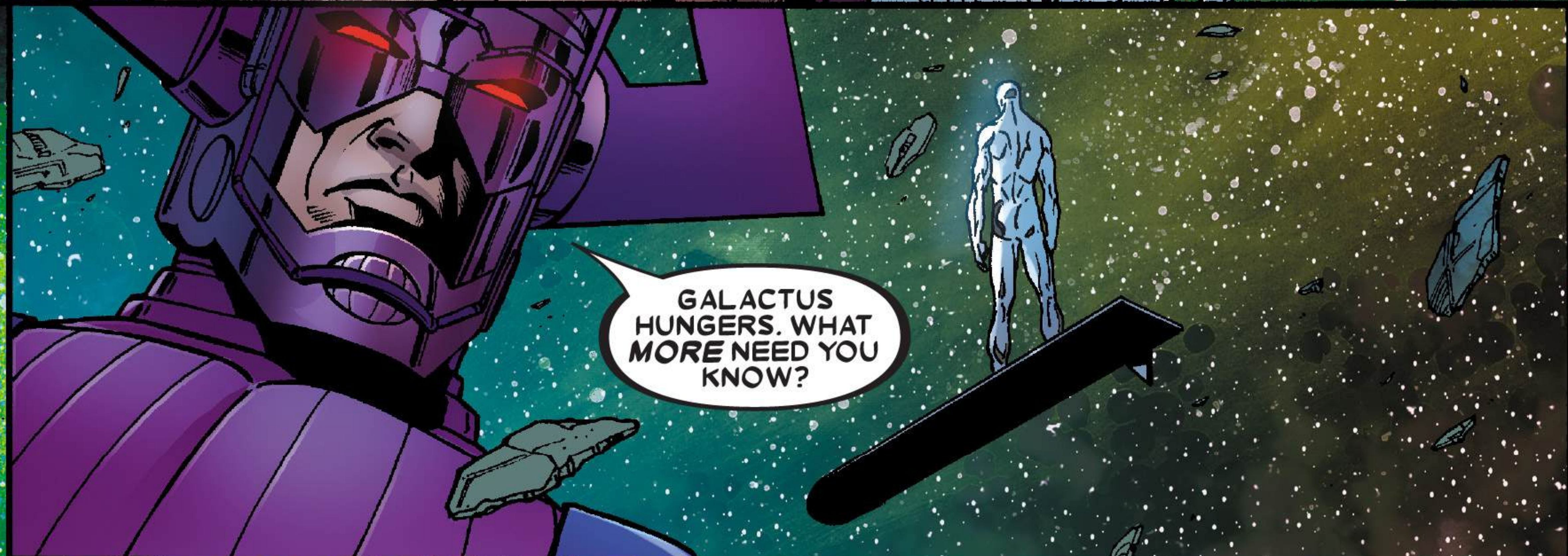
GONE. THE LIVING UNIVERSE HAS RECLAIMED THEM.

RECLAIMED? I...

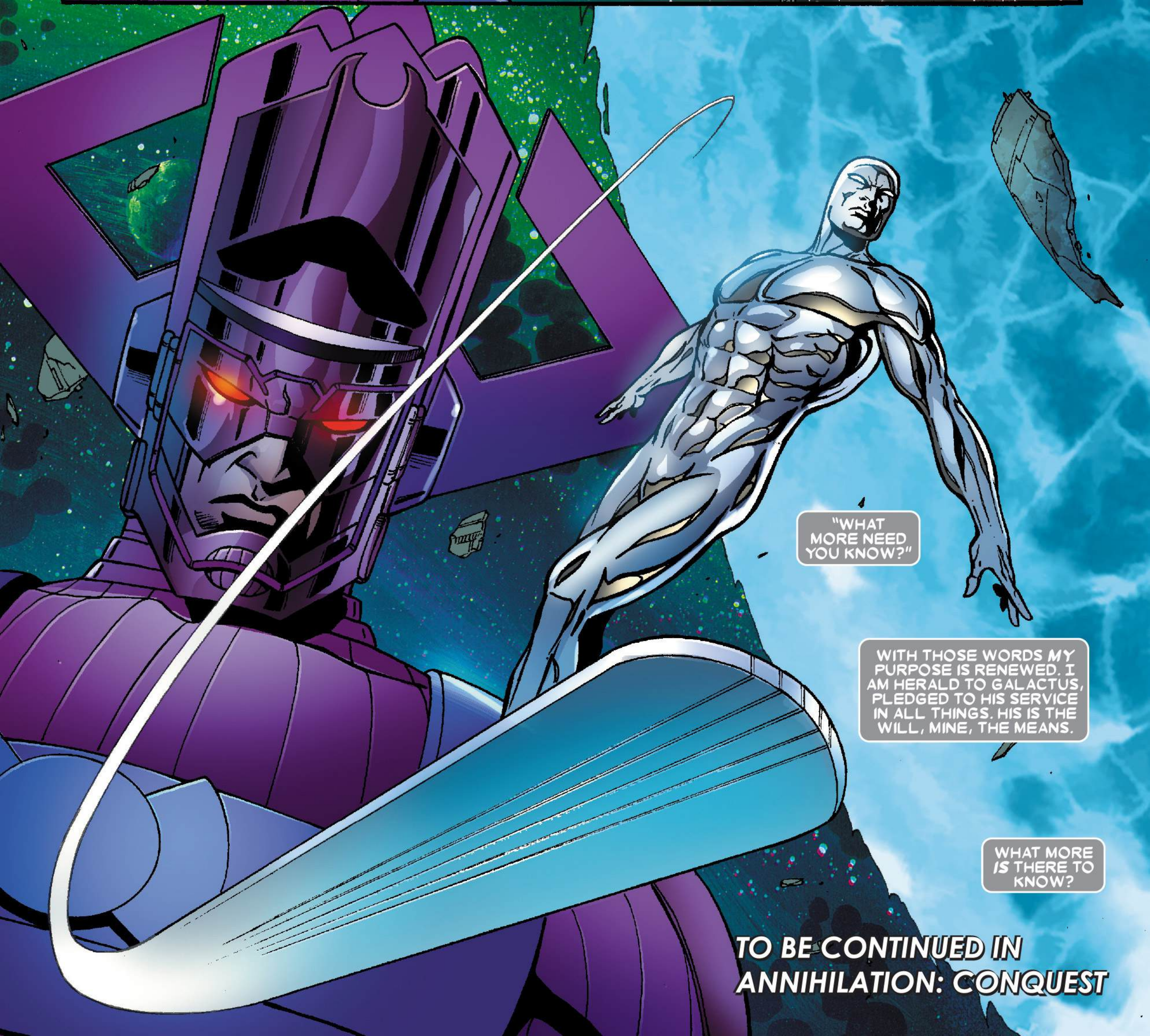


WHAT
MORE WOULD
YOU KNOW?

WHAT
MORE WILL YOU
TELL ME?



GALACTUS
HUNGERS. WHAT
MORE NEED YOU
KNOW?



"WHAT
MORE NEED
YOU KNOW?"

WITH THOSE WORDS MY
PURPOSE IS RENEWED. I
AM HERALD TO GALACTUS,
PLEGDED TO HIS SERVICE
IN ALL THINGS. HIS IS THE
WILL, MINE, THE MEANS.

WHAT MORE
IS THERE TO
KNOW?

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INTRODUCTION



THE ANNIHILATION WAVE CONTINUES.

Within the first week of the Wave's arrival, the Kyn prison and Xandar both fell before the might of these armies, commanded from the Negative Zone by Annihilus. The fall of these two institutions would alone be catastrophic; the destruction of the Kyn has led to the release of the unimaginably powerful Aegis and Tenebrous, and nearly the entire Nova Corps fell when Xandar died.

But the Annihilation Wave did not stop there. The Skrull Empire has suffered the worst at their hands — entire worlds gone without a trace. Even the Skrull's greatest hero, the Super-Skrull, was no match for Annihilus, despite his efforts. With little reliable intelligence coming from Skrull systems, the number of casualties can only be guessed at. This must surely be the most bloody conflict to ever span the universe.

Like so many wars, this is a matter of territory, so claims the Annihilation Wave. As the Negative Zone continues to contract and our universe expands, Annihilus claims that territory under his rule has been stolen. Annihilus does not wage war against men or empires, but against the universal course of life itself. Annihilus is truly the Living Death That Walks.

Perhaps this is why Annihilus' chief goal is to conquer the Power Cosmic wielded by Galactus and his Heralds. At least three Heralds have fallen before Annihilus; those remaining have joined the fight.

The struggle against the Annihilation Wave is now being fought within the Kree Empire. Led by Richard Rider, a Terran, and only known survivor of the Nova Corps, his forces are

perhaps the best hope for survival of intergalactic civilization as we know. To him have rallied the Heralds, Ronan the Accuser, Drax the Destroyer, Star-Lord, and many other famed warriors. Should this force be overcome, there may be no line of defense left.

I am the Worldmind. Within me is not only the summation of all that was Xandar-- it's life, culture, thought, and memory — but also data gathered from across the universe. Although my first objective is to safeguard myself in order to preserve what remains of Xandar, I am bound to Richard Rider; his life is mine. I yet hope to see the restoration of Xandar, and seek the day when my data might be used to help recreate all that has been lost — but these are uncertain times.

I yet foresee four factors which may turn the tide of this war:

Galactus, the mighty devourer of worlds, and master of the Silver Surfer.

The seemingly indifferent Shi'ar Empire, as yet untouched by this war.

The crafty Thanos of Titan, said to be a collaborator of Annihilus, yet Thanos is surely seeking a goal known only to himself.

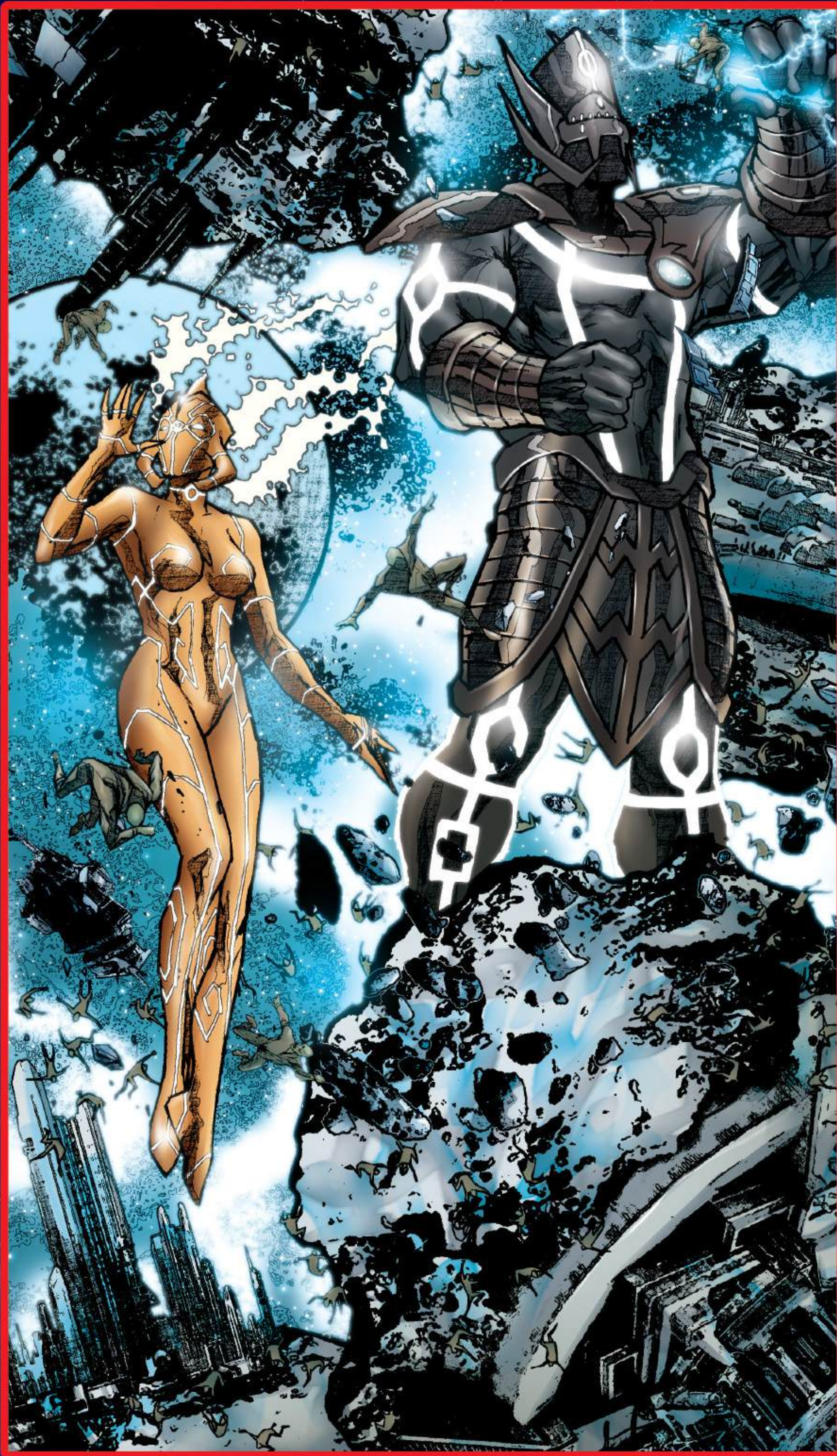
Earth, home of the Terrans, home of Richard Rider; a home to countless warriors.

I will continue to collect, analyze and hope. Every day the war continues is one more day Annihilus has yet to win.

Begin upload.



AEGIS & TENEBROUS



SUBJECTS: AEGIS AND TENEBROUS

HOME WORLD: Unknown

INDICTMENTS: None. Believed to be myth

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Unknown

THREAT LEVEL: Global/Universal

WARNING: These beings are known to be on a plane comparable to that of Galactus; any remaining Nova Corps personnel are granted an execute order; do not engage alone.

CONTAINMENT / REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Although their abilities may rival that of Galactus, it is known that they were incarcerated at the Kyn until the facilities were ruined by the Annihilation Wave. Containment is therefore possible, but the means by which Galactus defeated and contained them are not known. Standard techniques are likely to fail. Considered out of Nova Corps jurisdiction.

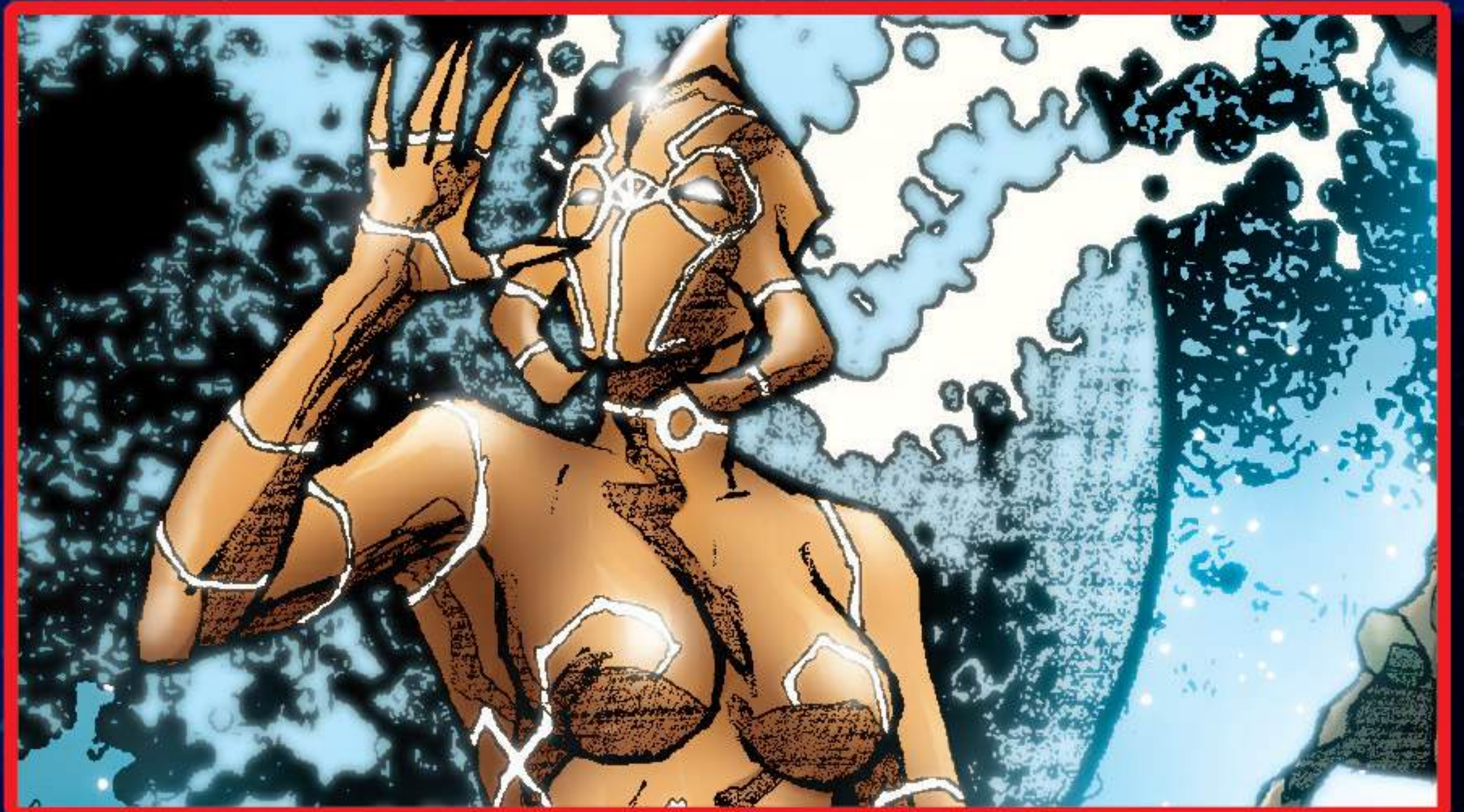
POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Believed to possess the Power Cosmic, enabling them to gather, channel and manipulate large quantities of cosmic energy. They are served at present by the Fallen One, possibly the most powerful of Galactus' Heralds.

BACKGROUND: The complete history of Aegis and Tenebrous is not known; they have existed in this universe before the Nova Corps or even the Worldmind came into being. They are proemial beings, said in myth to serve the universe by preparing what exists for what is to come, eliminating early lifeforms such as chaos mites. In countless ages past they were known and feared as Aegis, Lady of All Sorrows, and Tenebrous of the Darkness. Time has erased nearly all memory of their evil. In some great battle in the relatively early life of this universe, Aegis, Tenebrous and Galactus were the only three survivors. To safeguard the universe against them, Galactus imprisoned the duo within the Kyn. They remained locked away for countless centuries.

Unfortunately, the arrival of the Annihilation Wave at the site of the Crunch did irreparable damage to the Kyn, and Aegis and Tenebrous were released upon the universe once more, adding further fuel to the chaos engulfing all life. Two other one-time inmates of the Kyn, the Maker (formerly the almighty Beyonder) and the Fallen One have both fallen into their custody; they drained the Fallen One of power, leaving him a withered husk. To combat the threat of Aegis and Tenebrous, Galactus has enlisted the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian] back into his cause.

If even the mighty Galactus fears these beings, then what hope have the rest of us? If Galactus is truly destined to serve the forces of good in this universe, then we can only pray that he and the Silver Surfer are able to overcome this age-old menace.

Word comes that Thanos of Titan has approached these beings for terms of an alliance, perhaps to offer up Galactus himself. If only Thanos were as noble and courageous as he is crafty and apathetic.



ANNIHILUS

SUBJECT: ANNIHILUS

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizen of Arthros, planet in Sector 17A of the Negative Zone; self-declared ruler of the Negative Zone

INDICTMENTS: Genocide, Enslavement, Mass Murder, Crimes Against the Peace

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone and Milky Way Galaxy (See also Earth and Fantastic Four; use contact Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 Richard Rider [Terran, Earth] for Earth).

THREAT LEVEL: Universal (Expanded). Annihilus is a megalomaniac of the highest order. If he were to escape the Negative Zone and enter our positive-matter universe he would be a Category 1 criminal requiring the recall of the entire Nova Corps to insure neutralization.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE:

- The Worldmind has deemed execution on sight an acceptable solution by the Nova Corps [Addendum: Annihilus has demonstrated the ability to spawn immature clonal scions possessing his memories upon physical death. Therefore, long-term termination is extremely difficult. Some accounts imply that there may be more than one clonal entity (Annihili) currently making up the organism we know as Annihilus]
- The Klyn would be an ineffective holding area for one as powerful as Annihilus
- Banishment back to the Negative Zone is the method most likely to yield desired results

NATURAL ABILITIES: Annihilus is protected by a highly evolved chitinous exoskeleton that renders him superhumanly strong and durable. His advanced brain, educated by the technology of the ancient race which inadvertently created him, renders him highly intelligent and a master military strategist. Annihilus also has scalloped wings that enable him to fly.

COSMIC CONTROL ROD: Annihilus' weapon of choice harnesses vast amounts of cosmic energy which can alter the atomic structure of matter into new configurations or manipulate powerful energies. The rod also provides its holder with extended life, and Annihilus has become obsessed with maintaining control of the rod to prolong his own reign.

ANNIHILATION WAVE: At Annihilus' command is a massive fleet of space vessels known as the Annihilation Wave, led by the crested flagship of Annihilus himself, a literal flying fortress at the center of the Annihilation Wave's Control Section. The fleet also consists of lesser flagships each captained by one of Galactus' telepathic concubines. The flagships are often flanked by a small armada of armored, tank-like gunships. The vast majority of the Annihilation Wave consists of Dreds, massive battleships the size of small moons, and Skiffs, smaller insectoid assault vessels that attack in blinding swarms. The Annihilation Wave's greatest strength is its overwhelming numbers as well as its super-weapon, the Harvester of Sorrow.

BACKGROUND: Untold millennia ago, the ancient yet technologically-advanced Negative Zone species known as the Tyannans seeded the barren world of Arthros with bioengineered spores. One of those spores eventually evolved into the insectoid being known as Annihilus. Highly intelligent due to a subtle mutation, Annihilus educated himself using abandoned Tyannan technology and used his newfound knowledge to enhance his intellect and strength to even greater levels. Constructing his Cosmic Control Rod from the stardrive of a Tyannan ship, the paranoid Annihilus asserted his dominance over the other life forms that had evolved from the spores on Arthros and soon set out to conquer and destroy everything he deemed a threat to his own existence.

Over the years, Annihilus has carved out a massive empire in the Negative Zone. Although he has attempted in the past to extend his influence into other universes and

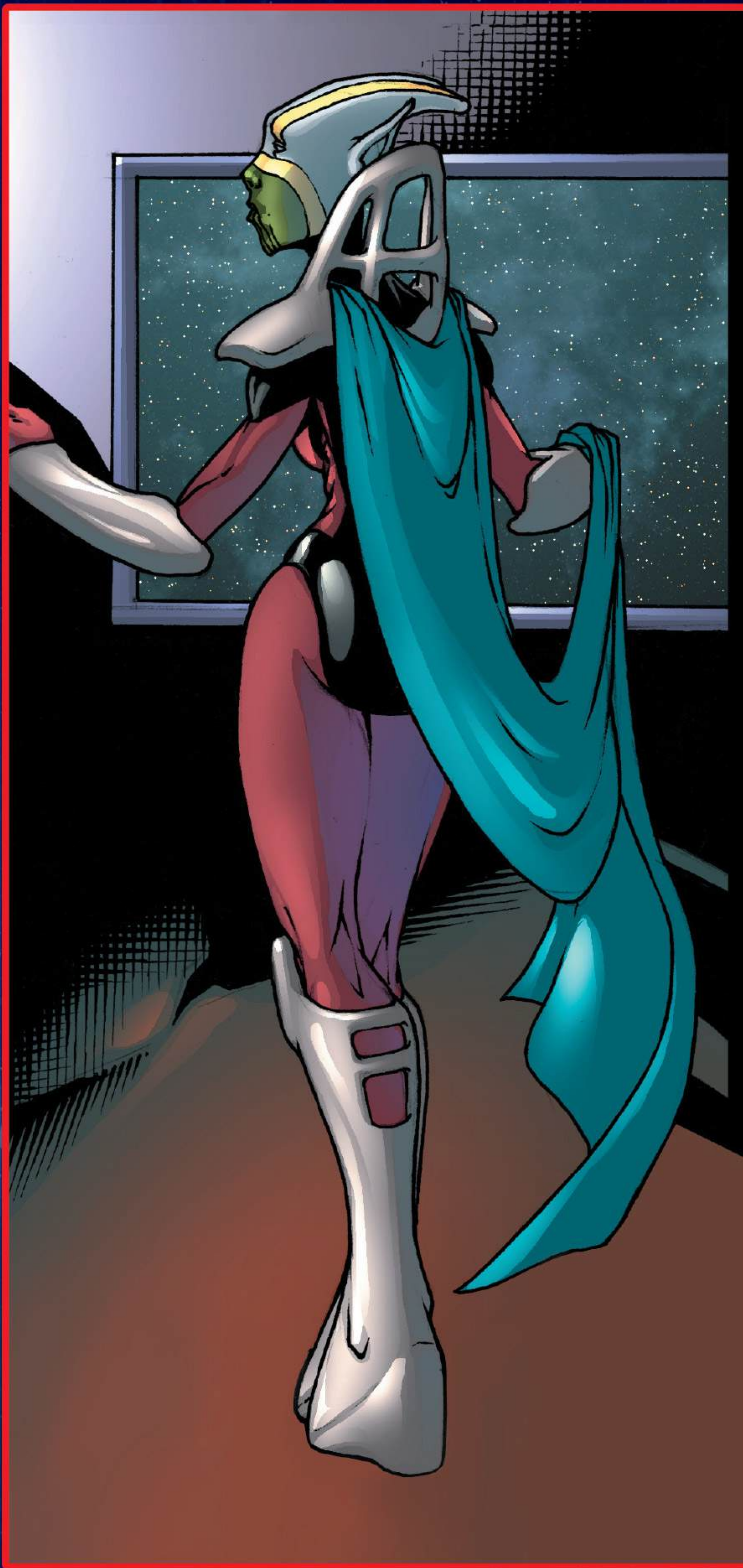


dimensions such as Asgard, the Microverse, and our positive-matter universe, he has been thwarted on almost every occasion. He has forged uneasy alliances with other Negative Zone warlords on occasion, most notably Blastaar of Baluur and Syphonn, but these alliances have more often than not ended with one warlord betraying the other. Prior to the Annihilation Wave's breach of the Crunch, Annihilus was last seen by the Earth heroes known as the Fantastic Four as they attempted to construct a Vault prison system within the Negative Zone. They were confronted by Annihilus, but then another clonal scion arrived on the scene claiming to be the true Annihilus, and the two rival Annihili battled each other, allowing the Fantastic Four to escape. Whether either of these scions is the Annihilus currently leading the Annihilation Wave remains to be seen.

Most recently, Annihilus learned that our positive-matter universe was gradually expanding into his anti-matter Negative Zone. Seeking to take back what he believed was rightfully his, Annihilus led a majority of his Annihilation Wave fleet through the Crunch, the energy surge that separates the positive-matter universe from its anti-matter counterpart, leaving behind only a small number of units to maintain control of his Negative Zone empire. Now in our positive-matter universe, Annihilus obsessively seeks to destroy all living creatures, as he views all living things as a potential threat to his continued existence.



BARONESS S'BAK



SUBJECT: BARONESS S'BAK

LOCATION AND STATUS: Ruler of part of the old Skrull Empire, Andromeda Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: War Crimes (pending further local investigation), other investigations still pending

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy, possibly The Greater Magellanic Cloud (see Kree-Skrull War)

THREAT LEVEL: City/village (potential)

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: S'Bak can be detained, if necessary, by conventional containment procedures tailored to Skrullian standards. However, as a Warlord of the Skrulls she commands the loyalty of several hundred soldiers, and it is almost certain one or more of these would attempt to free her if she's ever captured by Nova Corps members.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Shapeshifting, though how adept she is at this is currently unknown.

WEAPONS / MINIONS: As a Warlord she has access at will to highly advanced military weaponry, an armada of spaceships, and various soldiers and spies to serve her will.

BACKGROUND: The history and background of Baroness S'Bak is currently under investigation. What is known is she is one of several minor Warlords currently in control of remnants of the Skrull Empire, though one who seems to have no current desire to be declared an Empress, at least at this time. She has what seems to be two short horns on her head, though whether this is merely a feature of her headdress or if she just "shaped" herself, is currently unknown. Her territory is in the path of the Annihilation Wave, though how many of her worlds have fallen to it is still being investigated. It has been confirmed that the Super-Skrull (Kl'rt) came to her seeking aid against the planet-destroying Harvester of Sorrows after it destroyed the planet Aks'lo within Skrull Star System 004. What exactly happened at that meeting is still unclear, but apparently S'Bak refused Super-Skrull's entreaties to mount an attack against the Harvester, not wanting to open herself up to an attack by a rival Warlord by fighting a superweapon no one knew how to destroy quickly. S'Bak then evidently called Super-Skrull a laughingstock of the Empire, whose exploits were simply cautionary tales of failure, at which point Kl'rt punched S'Bak hard in the mouth, leading her to order her troops to kill him for treason. She later put a bounty of three million golden z'lacks on Super-Skrull, alive. S'Bak is to be carefully watched by the Corps, since she may have ambitions to carve out an empire of her own by invading her rivals' territories. Her realm borders that of the Kree, and she has evidently had some relatively peaceful contacts with members of the Kree government. Though reports of her convincing Accuser-Prime Ronan to aid her in annexing a portion of the Kree's Empire seem to be false, her ambitions in that direction should be watched carefully, since any Kree she happens to find herself ruling over will most likely take violent exception to a Skrull governing them, and may not care how many innocent bystanders they take with them.



BLASTAAR

SUBJECT: BLASTAAR

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizen of Baluur, planet in Sector 56-D of the Negative Zone; self-declared ruler of the Negative Zone

INDICTMENTS: Genocide, Enslavement, Mass Murder, Crimes Against the Peace

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone and Milky Way Galaxy (See also Earth and Fantastic Four; use contact Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 Richard Rider [Terran, Earth] for Earth)

THREAT LEVEL: Universal (Expanded). Blastaar is a megalomaniac of the highest order. If he were to escape the Negative Zone and enter our positive-matter universe he would be a Category 1 criminal requiring the recall of the entire Nova Corps to insure neutralization.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE:

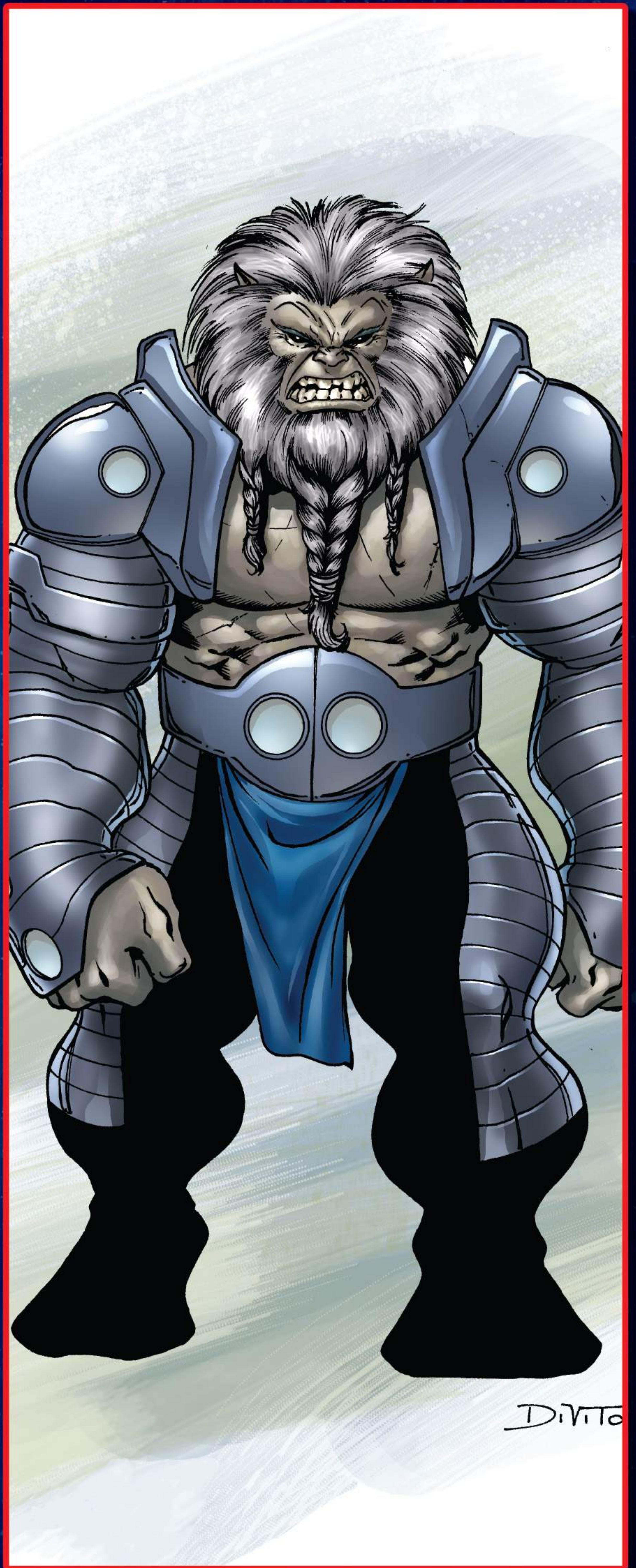
- The Worldmind has deemed execution on sight an acceptable solution by the Nova Corps

NATURAL ABILITIES: Blastaar possesses superhuman strength, endurance, and durability and is a highly proficient Baluurian warrior. But Blastaar's principal power is his ability to generate an unknown type of highly concussive force that he can release at will through his fingertips. He can release sufficient force to penetrate 6-inch-thick titanium-overlaid steel from 25 feet away (but the maximum range of his blasting power is approximately 1,000 feet, limited by his inability to finely focus his energy beams over any greater distance). Blastaar can propel himself through the air using his energy blasts at speeds of up to 25,000 miles per hour. He can survive in the vacuum of space for months by willing himself into a state of hibernation.

BACKGROUND: Blastaar is the tyrannical king of the Negative Zone planet of Baluur. The planet's populace suffered under Blastaar's ruthless reign for years until a rebellion formed and his subjects rose up against him, ousting him from power and imprisoning him in an adhesion suit that was set adrift in outer space. Blastaar eventually broke free from his prison and followed Reed Richards [Terran] and Triton [Terran] back to the positive-matter universe through a interdimensional portal of Richards' design. Richards and his allies ultimately drove Blastaar back into the Negative Zone and thwarted his subsequent attempts to conquer Earth.

Blastaar eventually formed an alliance with Annihilus, offering to serve Annihilus in exchange for regaining control of Baluur. Blastaar was viewed as emotional and weak by Annihilus, who ultimately planned to betray his new ally. But when Nyglar, Blastaar's mate and the mother of his son, grew suspicious of Annihilus' intentions, Annihilus slew her with his Cosmic Control Rod. Blastaar witnessed this and stole the Cosmic Control Rod upon reaching Baluur, leaving Annihilus for dead. Having reclaimed his throne, Blastaar led Baluur's military in carving out an interplanetary empire in the Negative Zone to rival that of Annihilus. Despite the open hostility between Blastaar and Annihilus, they have joined forces several times since, most notably when they teamed with fellow Negative Zone warlord Syphonn before betraying him.

Blastaar's whereabouts have been unknown since the Annihilation Wave launched its attack on our positive-matter universe. When it comes to Annihilus' activities, Blastaar is always a wild card. He may see Annihilus' breach of the Crunch as a golden opportunity and join forces with his uneasy ally, in which case the duo would be nearly unstoppable. On the other hand, Blastaar's son, Burstaar, had once allied himself with the Kree Supreme Intelligence and Ronan the Accuser [Kree] — so it is conceivable that Blastaar may ally with the Kree Empire as well, in which case his inside knowledge of Annihilus' tactics and technology will prove invaluable.



CAMMI



SUBJECT: CAMMI (ONLY KNOWN APPELLATION)

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizen of Coot's Bluff, Alaska, United States of America of Earth, Planet in the Sol System of the Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Accessory to Mass Murder [Addendum: charges dropped]

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Milky Way Galaxy (See also Earth and Drax the Destroyer; use contact Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 Richard Rider [Terran, Earth] for Earth)

THREAT LEVEL: Local. [Addendum: Although charges have been dropped against Cammi due to our inability to match the genetic matrix readings of the current Drax with the readings of the Drax who allegedly killed 200,000 Skrull settlers, Cammi has demonstrated antisocial personality disorder during her time with Omega Core therapists and should be kept under close surveillance]

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends apprehending Cammi and returning her to her family on Earth, Sol System, Milky Way Galaxy.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Unlike many space-faring Terrans, Cammi possesses no mutant gene or superhuman abilities. Her years of playing video games on Earth have trained her to be an adept pilot of space vessels. Cammi is also a very manipulative individual and skilled at finding ways to fulfill her objectives.

BACKGROUND: Recently, the Omega Core Eon Class Prison Transport Vessel designated Dredge 01 departed from planet Earth en route for the Kyn at the Universal Crunch after having the Galactic-Level gangsters known as the Blood Brothers transferred into Omega Core custody by Earth authorities. But before the Dredge 01 left Earth's orbit, a singularity drive failure caused it to crash on Earth outside the town of Coot's Bluff, Alaska, United States of America. Ten-year-old Cammi and her friend Dex, students at the nearby Coot's Bluff Elementary School, happened upon the 5 survivors of the crash: Drax the Destroyer [Terran], Paibok the Power-Skrull, the Blood Brothers [Roclites], and Lunatik [Wy'nkaren]. Tricking the dim-witted Drax into thinking she was his long-lost daughter Heather Douglas [see Moondragon, Terran], Cammi goaded him into a fight with the Blood Brothers. Wanting to escape Earth as soon as possible and growing tired of the ongoing feud among Drax and the Blood Brothers, Paibok the Power-Skrull allegedly impaled Drax through the head, killing him. What next became of Drax is uncertain, but Cammi claimed ownership of the entity who now calls himself Drax, who is possibly a reincarnation of the previous Drax. Because Paibok had granted Cammi ownership of Drax's corpse, Cammi believes that she is the rightful owner of the current Drax, and followed him as he set out on a mission of retribution to pay back Paibok and his allies for killing him. Drax killed Lunatik and one of the Blood Brothers before Paibok activated a folded space distress beacon to turn himself back into Omega Core custody. Shortly thereafter, Paibok, Drax, Cammi, and the remaining Blood Brother were taken into custody on the Omega Core Stockade Barge designated Dredge 02.

Cammi and Drax remained aboard Dredge 02 until it docked at the Xandar Cluster, Tranta System, Andromeda Galaxy, on its way to the Kyn. At Xandar, the Omega Core Prison Transport Warden was forced to release Cammi and Drax because this new Drax's genetic matrix readings did not match the readings that Omega Core had on file from the old Drax the Destroyer who allegedly slaughtered 200,000 Skrull settlers, despite the fact that Omega Core was fairly certain that the two Draxes were one and the same. But while Cammi and Drax were placed in a holding cell pending release, the Annihilation Wave, under the direction of Queen Extermina, attacked the Xandar Cluster, forcing the duo to escape in an evac pod which promptly crashed in the midst of the attack. Stranded in the ruins of Xandar's Orienta Shard, Cammi and Drax joined forces with Richard Rider [Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 Richard Rider of Earth], one of the only other known survivors of the Annihilation Wave's attack on the Xandar Cluster. Using a Nova Corps Combat Cruiser powered by the Nova Force, the trio traveled to the planet Nycos Aristedes, 9 light years from the Xandar Cluster, where they met the hero Quasar [Terran] and were eventually attacked by Annihilus' Command Section of the Annihilation Wave. After Nova infected a portion of the Annihilation Wave's command structure with the Worldmind, Cammi arrived piloting the Nova Corps Combat Cruiser to rescue the heroes just as a portion of the infected Annihilation Wave vessels began to self-destruct. Cammi and Drax have since remained with Nova as he assumed leadership of the intergalactic resistance movement against the Annihilation Wave, most recently traveling with Nova's militia to Daedalus 5, Kree Periphery System 067, Greater Magellanic Cloud, to prevent the Annihilation Wave from advancing any further into our universe.



SUBJECT: DEATH**HOME WORLD:** Inapplicable**INDICTMENTS:** Inapplicable**THREAT LEVEL:** Universal [possibly multiversal]

WARNING: Death is a cosmic entity with worshipers in all known corners of existence. Death is not to be considered a viable target for engagement due to its higher level of existence, and extreme religious significance. All remaining Nova Corps personnel are advised to attempt communication and understanding with Death; defend yourself and escape from Death if at all possible.

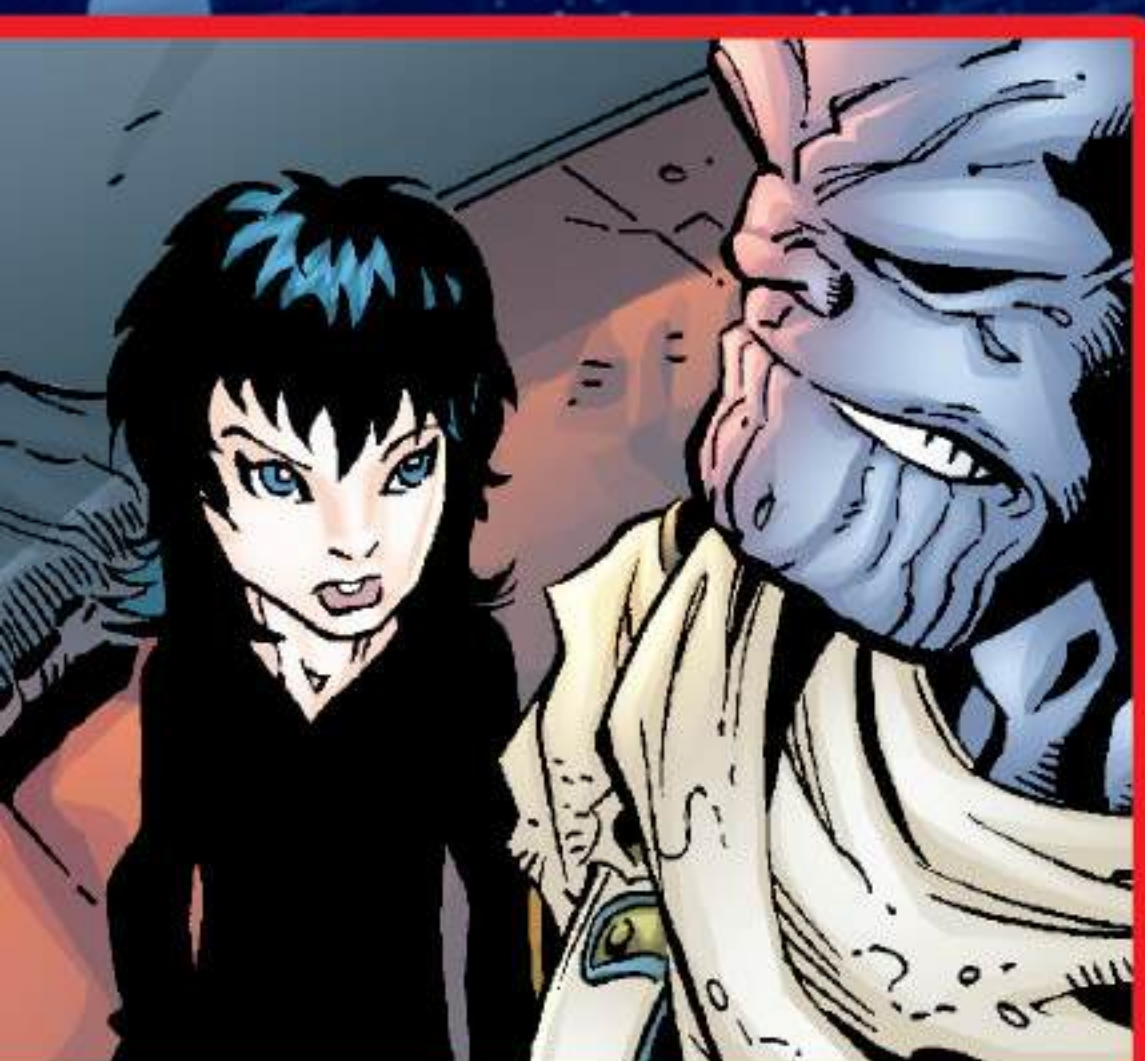
POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Death is a true conceptual entity, and is therefore believed to be present at the loss of every life in the universe to claim what is called life energy or souls from victims for unknown purposes. Death's worshipers include Thanos the Mad Titan and Annihilus of the Negative Zone.

BACKGROUND: Death is an entity which defies all attempts at identification. Best described as a cosmic entity, a conceptual being which embodies the act of death itself, Death has no given shape, form, or name, except for those which we beings of this reality have given it. Death has often appeared in the form of a woman or child to its greatest lover, Thanos the Titan.

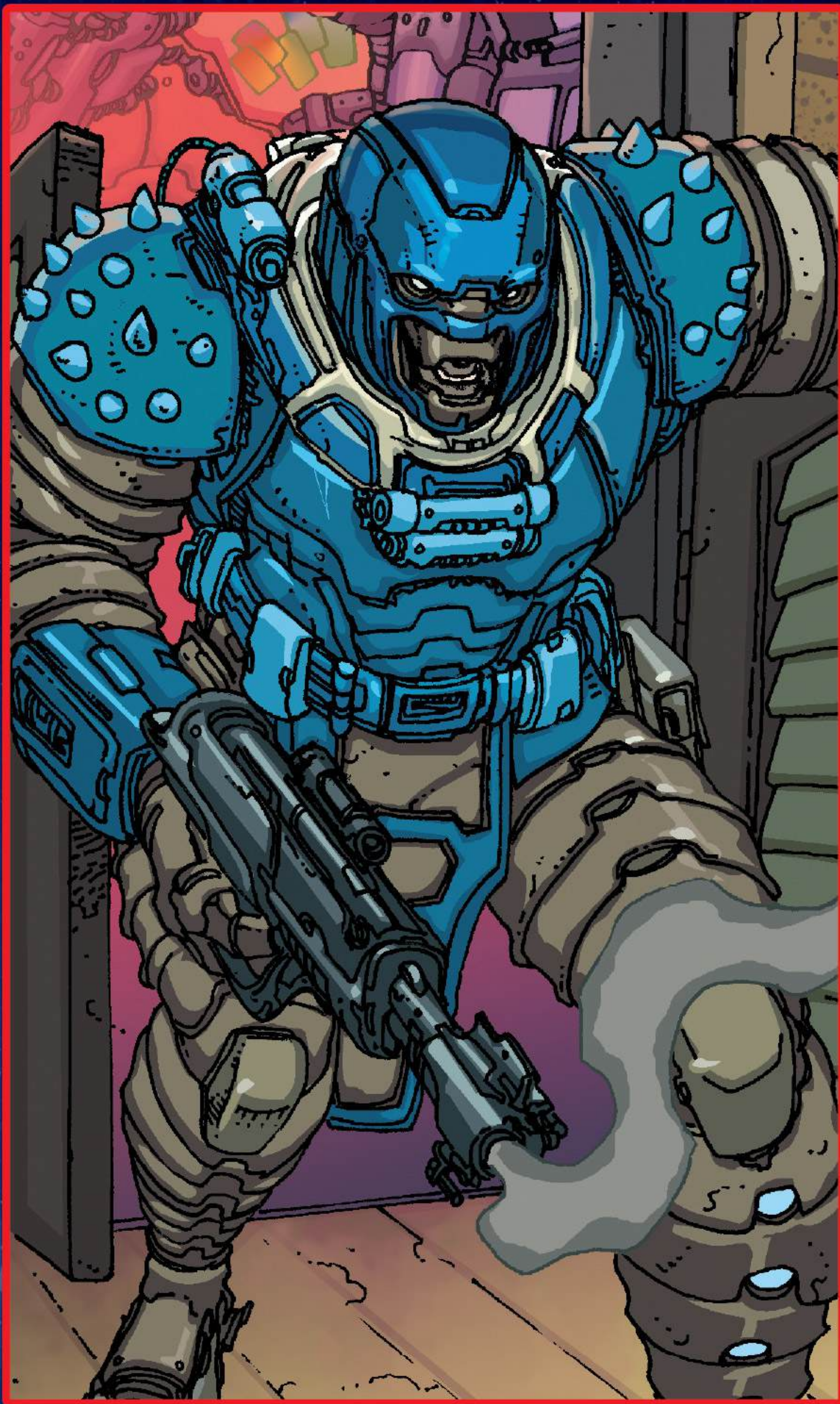
Death has existed since before sentient life evolved in this universe. Philosophers have argued that it performs a necessary goal to perpetuate life as we know it, claiming those whose time has come and preventing societies from degenerating into entropy. No empire, planet, species or society can agree on how we should view Death. To some, Death brings sorrow and tragedy; to some, glory and honor; to others, judgment and punishment. Some entities have worshiped Death, seeking affection from the one being that touches all lives. Thanos, Annihilus of the Negative Zone, and the death god Walker are among those to have courted Death.

Few are those to have challenged Death and won; and yet it is known that the Terrans of the planet Earth have not only warded Death off, but reclaimed many of theirs from Death's domain. Death seems to have a personal enmity towards the Terrans, but their champions prevent Death from completely holding sway; there are also many Terrans who have claimed kinship to Eternity and Infinity, Death's opposite numbers among the cosmic beings. It is said that to balance the lives of Terrans that Death has been cheated of, other worlds not blessed with such champions have been made to suffer.

Thanos' attempts to win Death's affections included his use of the Cosmic Cube to declare himself Supreme Being, a mad folly where his own ego cost him the universe. He later used the Infinity Gems to destroy stars; had he understood the gems more fully, he might have wrecked even more havoc. With the full power of the gems he eliminated half of the universe's population, but this was undone, again by Thanos' hubris. Thanos has, of late, claimed that he no longer seeks the affections of Death. However, Death has been sighted in his vicinity, indicating that it is not yet done with him. Death's appearance at the Crunch prior to the invasion of the Annihilation Wave served as a grim forebear to the carnage that has followed.



DEVOS THE DEVASTATOR



SUBJECT: DEVOS

LOCATION AND STATUS: Mobile throughout the universe with Arsenal Planet as central base, last reported on Godthab Omega

INDICTMENTS: Genocide (suspected), murder, destruction of property; further investigation required re extent

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe

THREAT LEVEL: Planetary

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends capture under any reasonable circumstances. Devos' dedication to his concept of universal peace makes him susceptible to manipulation in the services of other parties provided he can be persuaded that his actions are suitably detrimental to any sentient and/or species designated to possess unacceptably warlike attributes. Failing this, concentrated effort would be required to pierce Devos' defenses, both armored and personal. Once rendered inert and stripped of his armor, termination may be carried out by conventional means.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Although a formidable combatant trained in the armed and unarmed combat techniques of many cultures, Devos seems to possess no innate extraordinary capabilities beyond those of an exceptionally fit hominid.

WEAPONS: Devos wears sophisticated atmosphere-level flight-capable armor which magnifies his strength perhaps two hundredfold and provides him with multiple sensory input throughout the visible and invisible spectrum. Offensive capabilities include but are not limited to electrical/stellar discharge, miniature missiles, luminator attachments to blind opponents, vapor emission systems to incapacitate opponents, extendable bladed weapons, and electromagnetic shields which shock on impact. He has a wide variety of weapons and destructive devices at his disposal, either immediately accessible on his spacecraft or obtainable from his mobile Arsenal Planet base. Devos' armament is multi-galactic in origin and operates under no single system of technological development, requiring multi-level attack to effectively disable all lethal capabilities.

BACKGROUND: Born and orphaned on a planet besieged by interstellar raiders, Devos spent his formative years alone in the ruins of his native city and was subsequently recruited by the planet's military. Driven by rage at the violent disruption of his existence, he channeled his aggression into combat and became his world's most exceptional warrior. As such, he was selected to undergo a government experiment to heighten his physical capabilities and outfit him with multi-function armor to remake him into the ultimate weapon of destruction. However, Devos decided to use his new abilities to bring about galactic peace via the expedient of destroying any race or entity capable of waging war. Rumors indicate that he began with his homeworld, whose name, location, and greater history remain undetermined by current intelligence.

For years indeterminate, Devos waged his peculiar brand of preventive peacekeeping across the galaxies, targeting Skrull and Kree alike for their eons-long history of warfare. Eventually arriving in the Milky Way Galaxy, he proved capable of overcoming even the vast psionic capabilities of such races as the Elan and the Xem. It was in the Milky Way that he chanced upon the augmented Earth-human adventurers known as the Fantastic Four, then in interstellar transit. After tractoring the vessel aboard, he tested the renowned mutants via his Death Cruiser's internal defenses and various non-sentient life-forms he had acquired in the course of his multi-planet attacks, then attempted to kill the four in response to their survival and victory. During the encounter, the ship's self-destruct mechanism was inadvertently engaged, although both Devos and the Fantastic Four survived via escape craft.

Devos was recovered by Paibok the Power-Skrull and recruited to join him and Lyja the Laserfist [Skrull] in assaulting the Fantastic Four on their home planet. However, Lyja, bonded to the Fantastic Four by familial ties, soon rejected their plans and rejoined the Earth-human unit. Devos and Paibok later allied with the Earth-based threats known as Klaw [Terran] and Huntara [Terran] against their mutual foes but were defeated by the Fantastic Four and other augmented Earth-humans. In a subsequent encounter, Devos and Paibok teleported their opponents to the Skrull Throneworld, where Devos, deeming the Skrulls a greater threat to peace, summoned his mobile Arsenal to attack, only to be hurled into sub-space when Paibok sabotaged his personal vessel.

Devos was subsequently captured and, with several other interplanetary criminals, sentenced by the Intergalactic Council to exile back on Earth, where he remained for a time before regaining space-travel capabilities. He found his way to Godthab Omega, where, at last report, he and another Skrull adversary, Talos the Tamed, were being held by Glorian [Terran].



DRAX THE DESTROYER

SUBJECT: DRAX THE DESTROYER, possibly formerly known as Arthur Douglas

HOME WORLD: Believed to be a citizen of Earth, planet in the Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Mass-Murder, recent events have cast doubt on his guilt

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Milky Way and Andromeda Galaxies, specifically within the Skrull Empire

THREAT LEVEL: Undetermined; if this Drax is the same entity that was once known as Arthur Douglas, then he should be captured alive to stand trial. The full scope of this being's abilities are not known. He is a strong and resourceful warrior, and is bound to resist arrest.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Status pending possible trial.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Drax possesses superhuman strength and durability, and has no apparent need for food or sleep. He has preference for bladed weaponry and hand-to-hand combat. The other entity known as Drax was much larger, stronger, and could release cosmic energy from his hands and fly. This Drax was also known to have been a wielder of one of the Infinity Gems (the "Power Gem").

BACKGROUND: It is uncertain at this time whether the entity calling himself Drax and currently assisting against the Annihilation Wave is, in fact, the same individual born a Terran called Arthur Douglas. Due to significant physiological alterations, a reliable identity check has not been made. Drax himself has been uncommunicative on the subject of his identity.

The original Drax the Destroyer was a Terran victim of Thanos, the mad Titan, who killed Arthur and Yvette Douglas during a scouting mission of Earth. While Arthur's daughter Heather was raised by the Titans to become Moondragon, the Titans' leader Mentor bequeathed Kronos to create an eternal enemy to oppose Thanos; thus Drax was fashioned from Arthur Douglas' soul, and gifted so that no matter how many times Thanos might slay him, he would always return to seek vengeance.

When Thanos seemingly met his end battling Adam Warlock [Terran], Drax lost his purpose, and was ultimately killed by Moondragon in what was apparently an accidental homicide. But with the resurrection of Thanos by the cosmic force of Death itself, Drax was reborn as well, albeit with limited mental capabilities. In this form, the now-simpleton Drax was no match for the intellect of Thanos, but was a key player in the Infinity Gauntlet affair. Following Thanos' defeat, the Power Gem was bestowed upon Drax, increasing his already prodigious strength to incalculable levels. Drax served in the loose-knit Infinity Watch that Adam Warlock formed, but ultimately lost the gem and parted ways.

In recent years, Drax showed signs of increased intelligence, but his mental state became unstable, shifting from highs to lows without warning. Moondragon attempted to care for him, but he eventually chose to relocate to the extra-dimensional Microverse, and joined the adventurous Microns.

The recent massacre of 200,000 Skrulls within a disputed region of Kree-Skrull space implicated Drax in their deaths, and he was arrested and sent for relocation to the Klyn. While en route, the vessel carrying Drax crashed on Earth. A second vessel arrived to claim the escaped prisoner Paibok [Skrull], who turned himself over to the authorities, but the Drax who was found bore little resemblance to the Drax of old. This new Drax is accompanied at all times by a young Terran girl Cammi who claims to be his owner.

SPECULATION: Drax's regenerative abilities granted to him by Kronos have resulted in a mutation into a new, weaker form; unfortunately, the Nova Corps Database has little information on the range of Kronos' power, and the godlike being is uncommunicative with most corporeal life.



ERADICA, EXTERMINA & EXTIRPIA



SUBJECT: ERADICA, EXTERMINA & EXTIRPIA

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizens of Arthros, planet in Sector 17A of the Negative Zone; high-ranking members of the Annihilation Wave

INDICTMENTS: Genocide, Enslavement, Mass Murder, Crimes Against the Peace.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone, Verge Galaxy, Andromeda Galaxy, Greater Magellanic Cloud

THREAT LEVEL: Universal

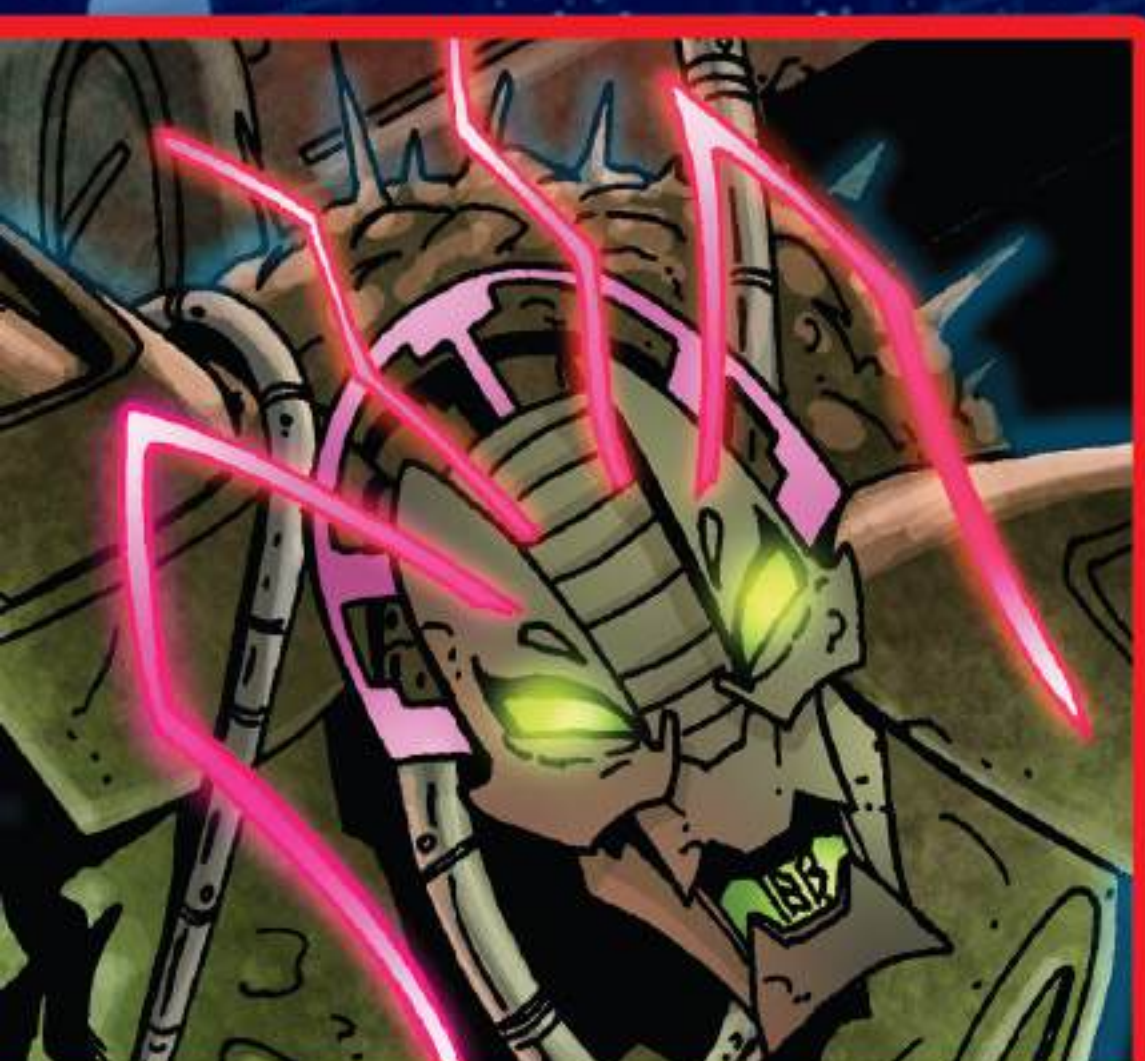
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind has deemed execution on sight an acceptable solution by the Nova Corps. However, if possible, capture is the preferred option, as valuable intelligence on the Annihilation Wave could be learned from one of its queens.

NATURAL ABILITIES: The Annihilation Wave's queens possess powerful telepathic abilities which they use to coordinate the attacks of the Annihilation Wave forces placed under their command. With powerful mandible jaws and razor-sharp claws on their two fingers and opposable thumb capable of rending clothing, armor, and flesh, Annihilus' queens are formidable physical opponents as well.

BACKGROUND: Presumably, born from the same Tyannan spores that gave life to Annihilus on the Negative Zone planet of Arthros, Eradica, Extermina, and Extirpia have served as Annihilus' loyal queens since his rise to power, although they are seldom ever heard or seen as they perform their duties from deep within the protective inner chambers of Annihilation Wave flagships. Each queen is assigned her own flagship and is battened down to the flagship's command center, their swollen abdomens melded to

and actually becoming one with the ship, by means of Annihilation Wave biotechnology. Constantly attended to and groomed by the drones and chiggers that maintain the flagship's interior, the usually immobile queens are seated in hi-tech cradles that automatically deploy life support extensions which seal off the queens' carapaces and transform them into self-contained bio-systems when the flagship's physical integrity is threatened. The primary function of the queens is to use their telepathic abilities [designated "monarchical cerebral beacons" by the Annihilation Wave] to serve as the center of the Annihilation Wave's hive mind command structure. Thus, when a queen becomes disabled, the combat discipline of the Annihilation Wave forces under her control quickly breaks down, causing them to lose all sense of direction and purpose. In times of desperation, the queens have been known to leave their command centers and descend into the battle on large hover disks, although this tactic is extremely rare.

Although the queens share the same blood lineage and view each other as sisters, they are constantly competing against one another to win Annihilus' favor and become his one and only queen. While Eradica, Extermina, and Extirpia were part of the massive Annihilation Wave armada that accompanied Annihilus on his initial journey through the Universal Crunch, they have been deployed on separate assignments since their arrival in our positive-matter universe. It was Eradica who was placed in charge of the Primary Swell, the massive fleet of Dreds and Skiffs that destroyed the Xandar Cluster, Tranta System, Andromeda Galaxy and decimated the Nova Corps in an attempt to draw out former Galactus heralds Air-Walker [Xandarian] and Firelord [Xandarian]. Afterwards, Eradica led the Primary Swell into the Skrull-controlled sectors of the Andromeda Galaxy and, 99 days after Annihilation Day, staged a massive attack upon Godthab Omega, a Kol-Class planet inhabited mostly by settlers in disputed Kree/Skrull territory along the edge of the Andromeda Galaxy, where she suffered a massive defeat at the hands of Ronan the Accuser [Kree] and Glorian [Terran], former apprentice to the Shaper of Worlds. Another queen, Extirpia, was last seen leading a large Annihilation Wave fleet toward the Dadaelus System in the Kree-controlled Greater Magellanic Cloud, headed on a collision course with the growing intergalactic resistance movement led by Richard Rider.



FALLEN ONE

SUBJECT: FALLEN ONE

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly mobile throughout the universe alongside Galactus and Thanos. Former prisoner, most recently in the Kyn's Omega Core.

INDICTMENTS: Global Genocide, Murder, Crimes against the Peace

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe

THREAT LEVEL: Galactic

While he is no longer the herald of Galactus, he has come under the sway of equally dire beings: Thanos of Titan, and Aegis and Tenebrous.

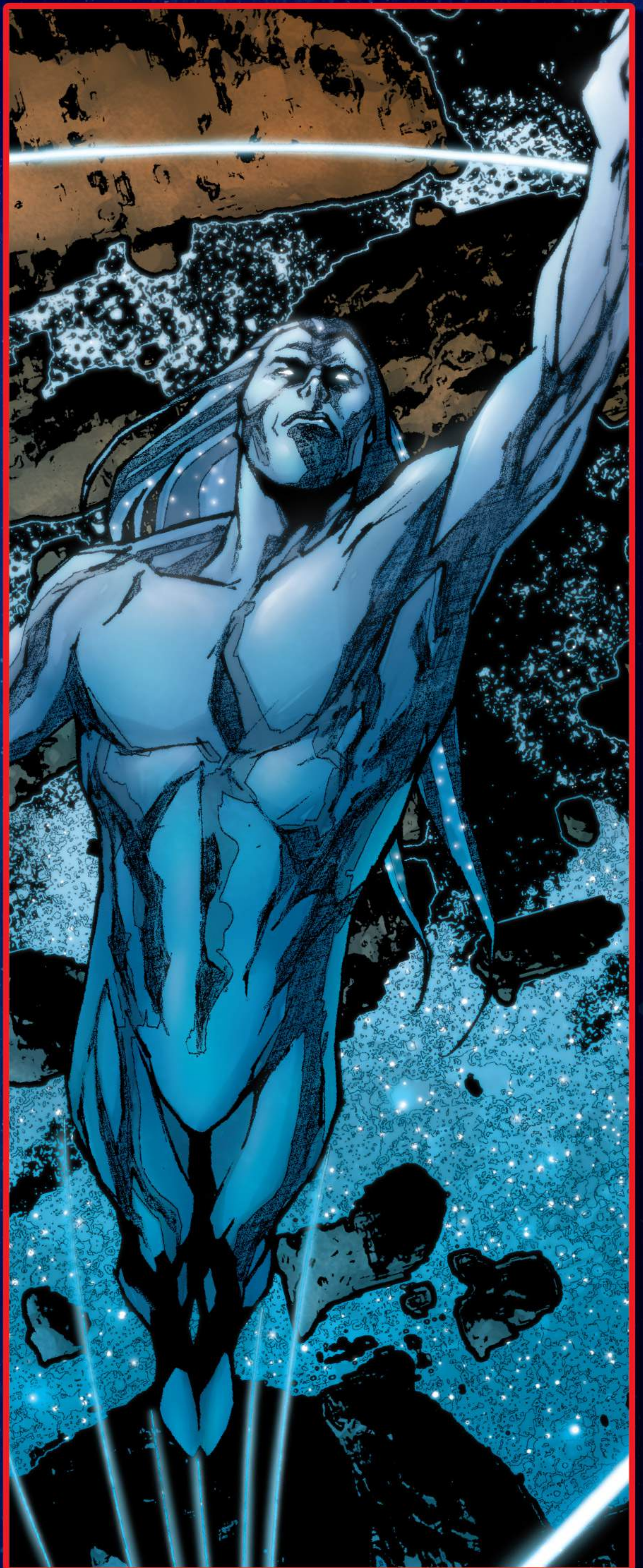
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Due to his violent history, the Worldmind recommends apprehension or termination. Containment would require a facility on par with the Kyn's Omega Core.

NATURAL ABILITIES: The Fallen One has cosmic powers befitting those of a herald of Galactus; his nearly inexhaustible power source is black matter, the "binding halo by which galaxies are made solvent." He can survive without food or water, in the vacuum of space or in hyperspace. He can fly at trans-light speeds, can access hyperspace, has superhuman strength, and can fire devastating energy blasts. The Fallen One is violent and dangerously insane.

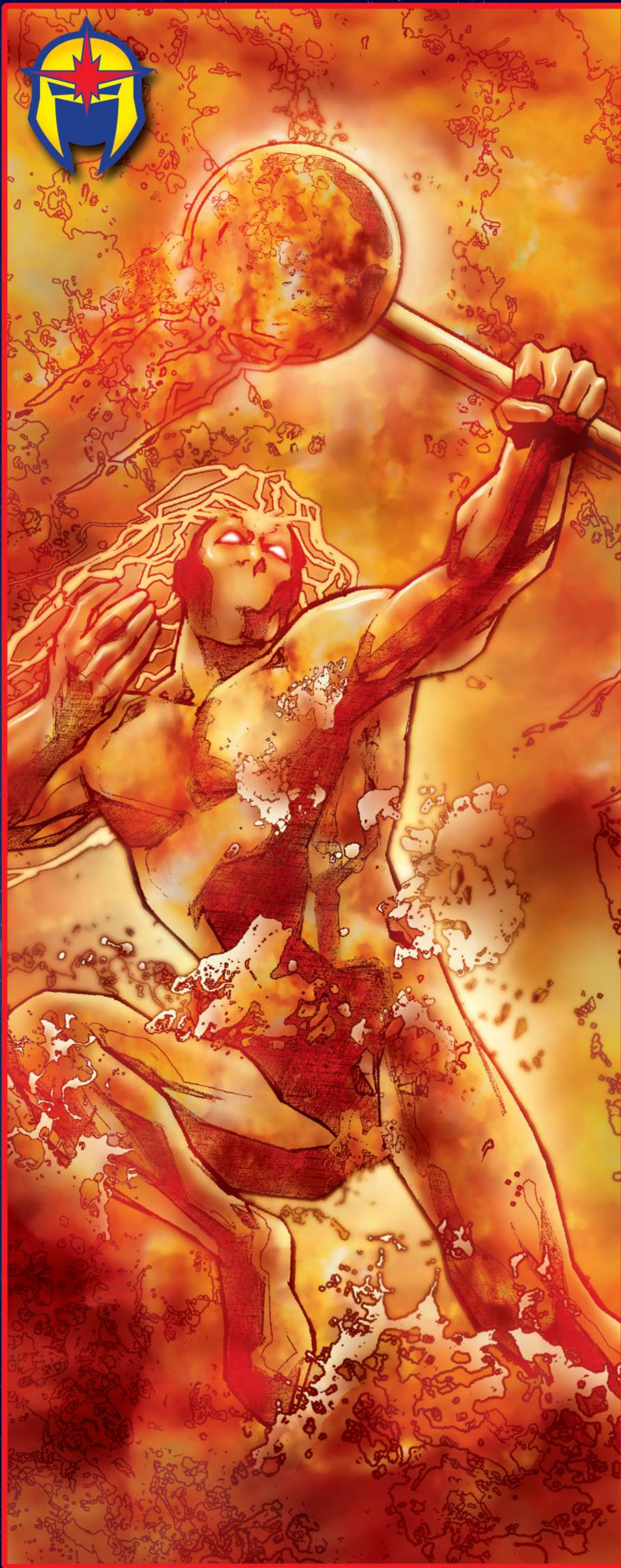
BACKGROUND: Long before the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian], Galactus' first herald was the Fallen One; recruited/created under unknown circumstances, his true name was forgotten over the millennia. Eventually, the Fallen One was cast out by Galactus, possibly for his naturally corrupt, power hungry, and violent nature. The Fallen One was imprisoned many times over many centuries, upon each escape it immediately targeted Galactus, who always defeated him. Eventually, the Fallen One was brought down by Star-Lord [Peter Quill, Terran/Spartoi]. However, the energies required caused massive collateral damage, leaving 350, 000 dead. The Fallen One was kept in a crèche in the Kyn's Omega Core, a massive intergalactic maximum security prison.

When Thanos of Titan battled the Maker [re: Beyonder] in the Kyn, power was shut down to many portions of the Kyn. Without power flowing into his prison, the Fallen One escaped the Kyn and again sought vengeance on Galactus. As the Fallen One confronted Galactus, Thanos mentally tried to reason with the Fallen One, reminding him of Galactus' special purpose in the universe. The Fallen One justified himself, saying that Galactus knew its true nature when he made the Fallen One what he is, and still cast him out. Galactus decided to simultaneously alleviate his own problems and spite Thanos, teleporting the Fallen One to Thanos' ship. The Fallen One's powerful energy attack devastated Thanos' giant ship, sending him plummeting to the surface of the planet below. Surviving unscathed, Thanos and his new ally Skreet overpowered the Fallen One, sending him into the core of the gas giant and ignited it. Thanos mentally enslaved the Fallen One's unconscious form, so that when he awoke he would serve as Thanos' own herald, as well as provide him with information as to its source of unlimited energy.

When the Annihilation Wave struck and the Kyn was destroyed, Thanos dispatched the Fallen One to check on the Maker's status. The Fallen One was captured and drained of energy by Tenebrous and Aegis, two ancient enemies of Galactus who hoped to use him to find their opponent.



FIRELORD



SUBJECT: FIRELORD, FORMERLY PYREUS KRIL

HOME WORLD: Former citizen of Xandar of the Tranta System in the Andromeda Galaxy.

INDICTMENTS: Crimes against the Peace, roles in Global Genocide, these charges have been suspended due to his removal as a Herald.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Milky Way, Andromeda Galaxy

THREAT LEVEL: As Herald: Universal / Currently: Minimal

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: While some cultures believe Galactus' destruction of whole worlds and the role of his Heralds to be a part of the natural order, the Nova Corps does not. If Firelord were to return to his Herald status the Worldmind would hesitantly approve his apprehension or destruction by any means necessary.

Firelord is considered to be a force for good in the universe. No containment necessary.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

POWER COSMIC: Imbued with the Power Cosmic Firelord can gather, channel, and manipulate large quantities of Cosmic Energy. He uses this power in the form of stellar fire surrounding his body, making him the equivalent of a miniature sun. Firelord does not need to eat or sleep since he absorbs energy from the carbon-carbon cycle of solar fusion.

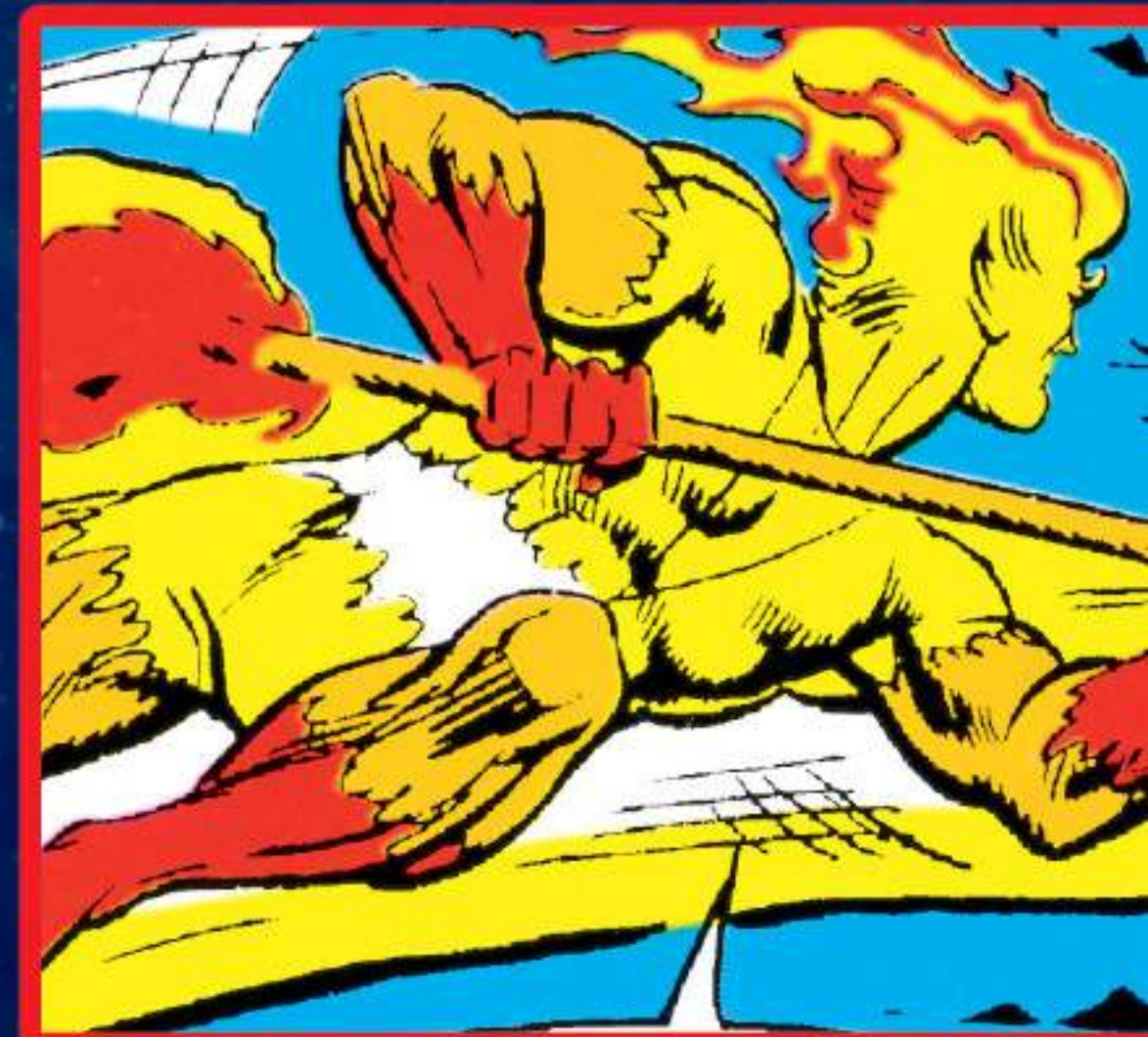
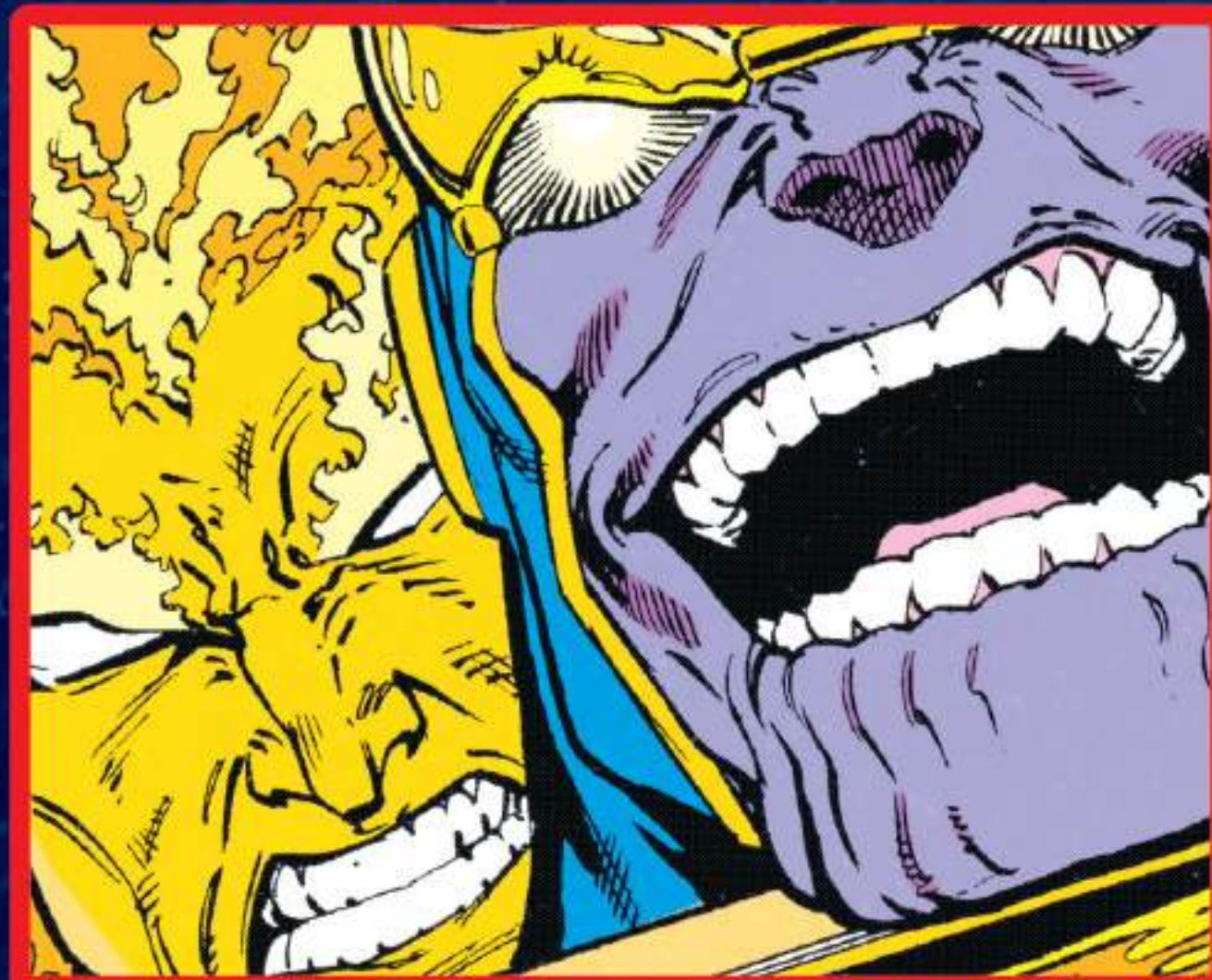
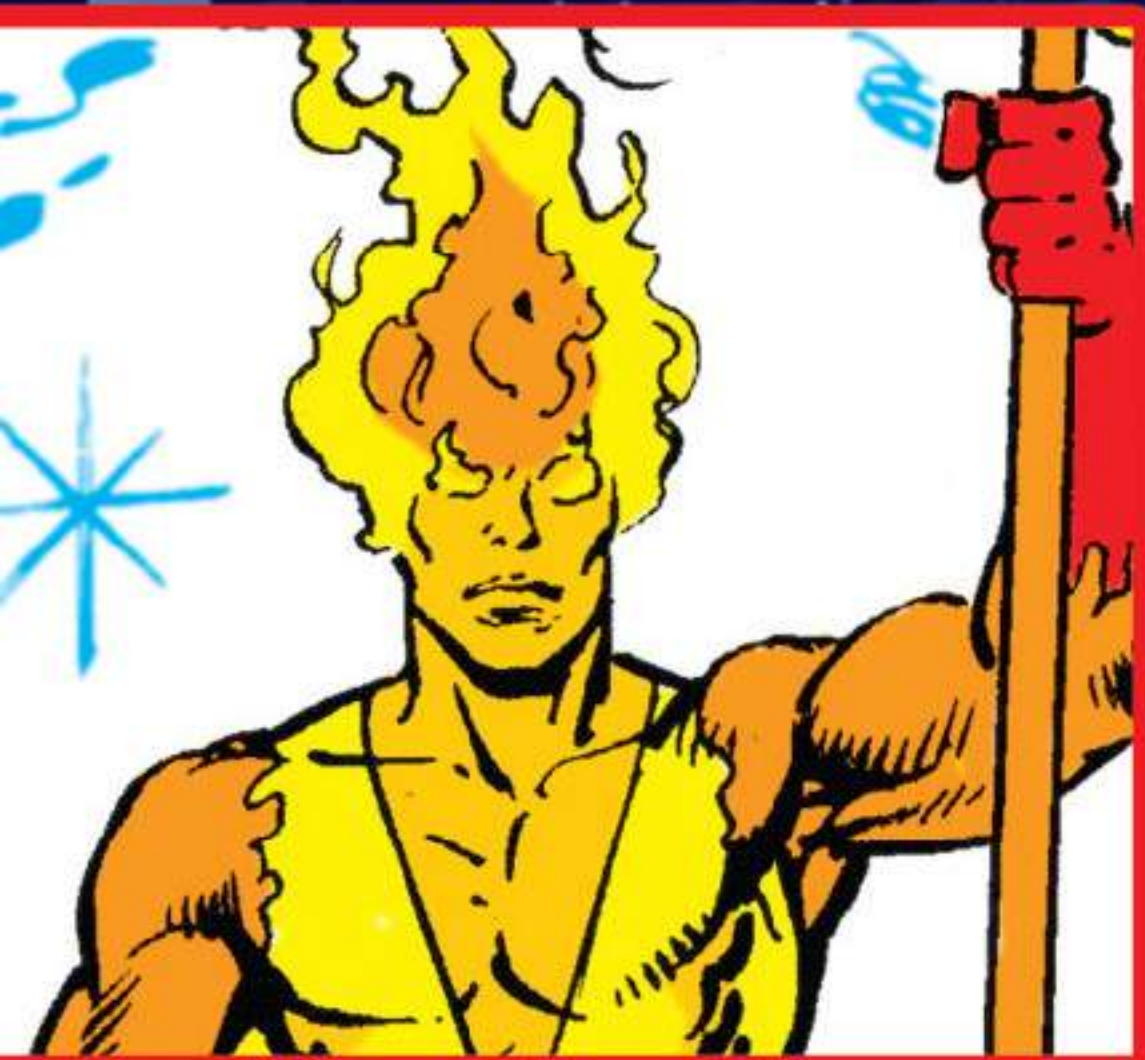
COSMIC STAFFS: Firelord's staffs are kept ablaze with his cosmic flame and are used to channel the Power Cosmic from his body in the form of stellar fire.

BACKGROUND: Pyreus Kril was an officer in the Xandarian Nova Corps who served aboard the Way-Opener with Gabriel Lan. When Lan was selected by Galactus to serve as his Herald, Kril left the service to track Galactus' movements, hoping to save his friend. Gabriel Lan became the Air-Walker and ultimately perished, only for his life essence to be transferred into a series of android bodies.

When Kril finally caught up to Galactus, he demanded to learn of his comrade's fate. Galactus promised to do so if Kril would become his new Herald. Kril agreed, and was transformed by the Power Cosmic into Firelord. He served Galactus for a relatively brief period of time before requesting a release from his master's service, which was granted when the non-sentient Destroyer (allegedly a mystical suit of armor from the dimension Asgard) was bound as his replacement.

Since his release as a Herald, Firelord has been a force for good in the universe, and has fought alongside several Terrans, including the Avengers and Thor of Asgard. He has also come to the aid of his fellow Heralds on several occasions, including their attempt to discipline the unsavory Herald Morg [Caranerian]. With the exception of Morg, he is known to have been on friendly terms with each of his fellow Heralds, especially the Air-Walker. Firelord also helped contribute to the restoration of the Xandarian civilization when Richard Rider [Terran, Nova Corps operative 11249-44396] reactivated the Worldmind and regenerated Xandar's lost queen Adora.

Since the invasion of the Annihilation Wave, Firelord has been pursued by the forces of Annihilus who seek to learn the secrets of the Power Cosmic. Banding together with fellow Heralds Red Shift and Stardust, he is determined to fight back against his enemies, and has come to the aid of Richard Rider's forces.



GABRIEL THE AIR-WALKER

SUBJECT: AIR-WALKER (android)

HOME WORLD: Originally a citizen of Xandar of the Tranta System in the Andromeda Galaxy; following his death, his consciousness was transferred by Galactus into an android replica.

INDICTMENTS: Roles in global genocide, these charges have been suspended due to his removal as a Herald.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: As Herald: Milky Way, Andromeda Galaxy / As non-Herald: Earth

THREAT LEVEL: (Expanded): as Herald: Universal / currently: Universal

Air-Walker, despite his android body, continues to be a Category 1 threat due to his possession of the Power Cosmic.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: While some cultures believe Galactus' destruction of whole worlds and the role of his Heralds to be a part of the natural order, the Nova Corps does not. If Air-Walker were to return to his Herald status the Worldmind has deemed his apprehension or destruction, especially since he is now a robot, by any means necessary.

If apprehended, the Worldmind recommends shutting Air-Walker down and dismantling him.

ADDENDUM: Currently, the android Air-Walker is not a Herald. His robotic body was thought to be destroyed multiple times but he has consistently returned, rebuilt and still possessing the Power Cosmic.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

POWER COSMIC: Imbued with the Power Cosmic Air-Walker can gather, channel, and manipulate large quantities of Cosmic Energy. He uses this power to manifest a set of crimson and gold "wings" sprouting from his back allowing him fly at unbelievable speeds.

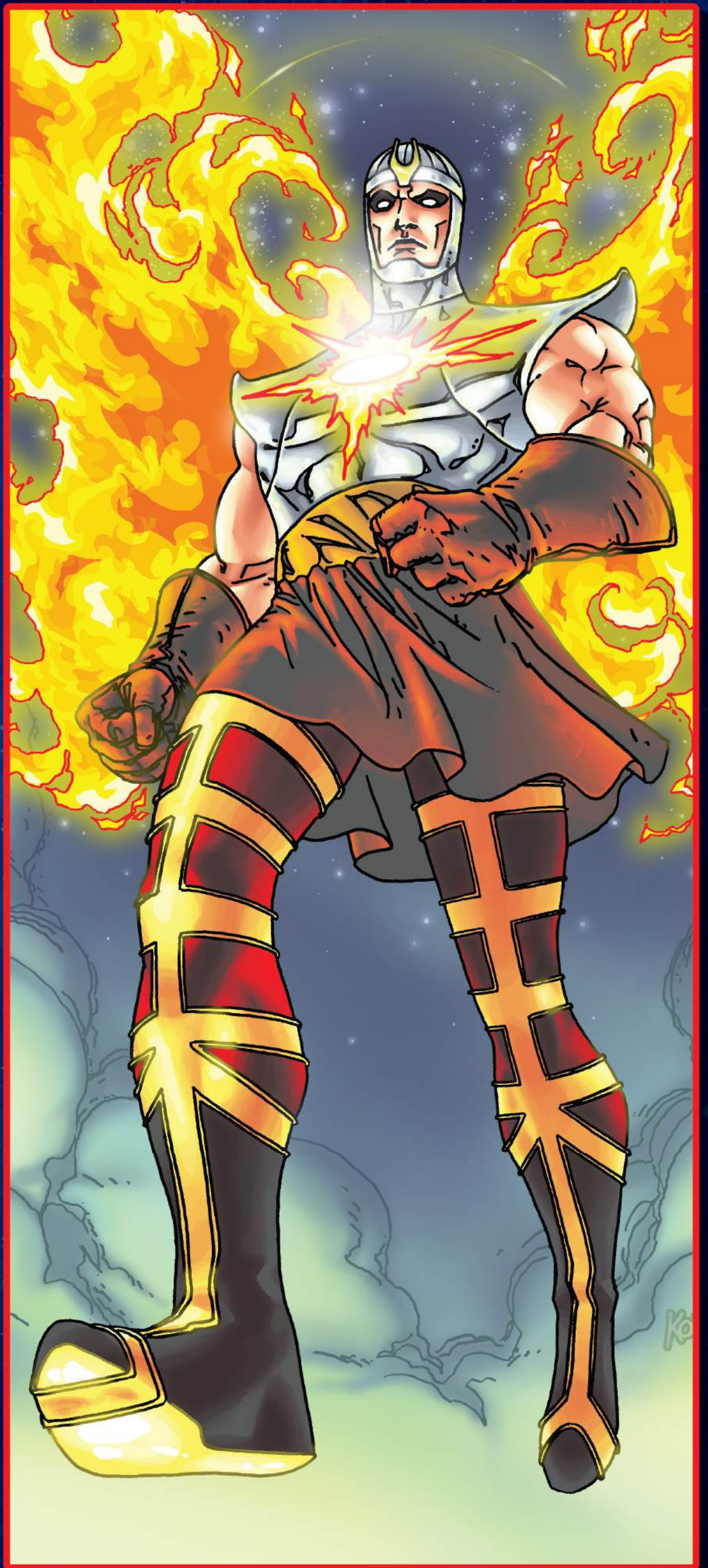
ANDROID BODY: Air-Walker does not require sustenance of any kind. Combined with the Power Cosmic, his android body can withstand large amounts of physical damage.

HORN OF GALACTUS: During his time as a Herald, this trumpet like device issued a hyper-space signal which summoned Galactus to planets which looked suitable for his energy consumption needs.

BACKGROUND: Gabriel Lan was the captain of a Xandarian explorer ship and a highly decorated officer when Galactus asked him to become his second Herald. Lan accepted and, transformed by the Power Cosmic, became the Air-Walker. Air-Walker served Galactus faithfully for years, but was killed by a vessel of frightened Ovoids while he was scouting for Galactus. Having apparently formed a bond with Gabriel Lan, one unlike those Galactus has held with other Heralds, Galactus transferred the consciousness of his dying Herald into an android replica.

Although the android possessed all of Gabriel Lan's memories, it could not simulate the full range of emotion of a mortal being. Galactus eventually dispatched the android Air-Walker to Earth in an effort to reenlist his earlier Herald, the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian]. The Surfer refused the offer and destroyed the android. Galactus left his former Surfer and the heavily damaged android replica behind, resulting in several Terran attempts at rebuilding the android. Gabriel Lan's comrade Pyreus Kril [Xandarian] later served Galactus as Firelord.

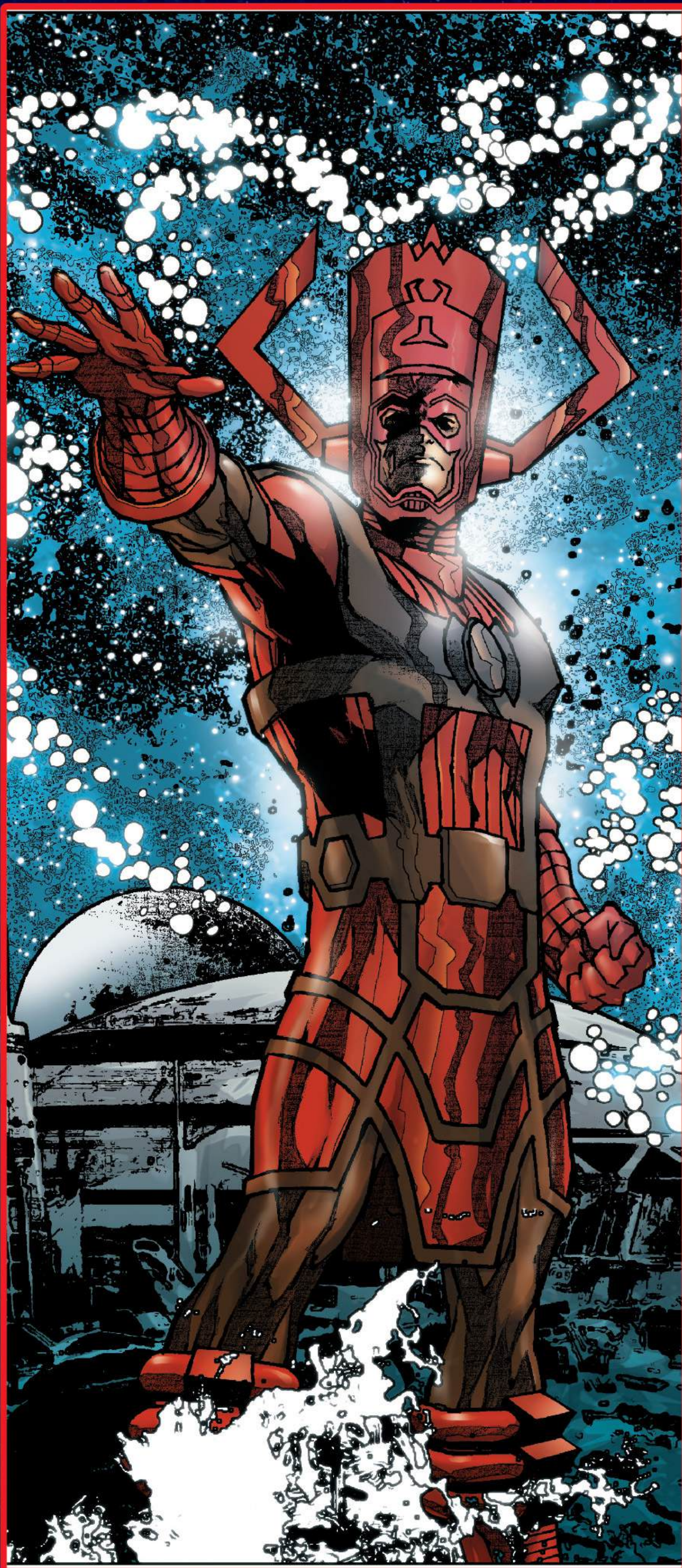
Since then, Air-Walker has been rebuilt over and over, always ending up being destroyed only to be reborn again. In one encounter, Air-Walker was reportedly destroyed in a battle with another Herald, Morg [Caranerian]. His consciousness was transferred into Galactus' Worldship, which was eventually destroyed by the Ultimate Nullifier leaving Air-Walker's fate seemingly sealed.



However, the resourcefulness of Galactus should never be underestimated. The Air-Walker was reportedly rebuilt by Galactus into yet another body. Unfortunately, this body was destroyed the Annihilation Wave's forces, led by Ravenous. It is unknown whether or not the Air-Walker can survive this latest destruction.



GALACTUS



SUBJECT: GALACTUS (originally Galan)

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly the planet Taa in the previous universe; currently mobile throughout the universe

INDICTMENTS: MASS GENOCIDE

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe

THREAT LEVEL: Universal

WARNING: Galactus remains one of the most powerful beings in existence. Do not engage solo.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: While Galactus remains a universal threat, containment, rehabilitation, and/or destruction remain highly improbable and possibly disastrous. It has been rumored that were Galactus destroyed, the universe might suffer a terrible fate, and that a greater threat might replace him. The safest options — though also immensely difficult — may include dissuasion and/or extradimensional banishment. Surprisingly, Earth's people have proven most successful at defying Galactus; it may be prudent to contact the Fantastic Four's Reed Richards [Terran].

NATURAL ABILITIES: Galactus possesses virtually immeasurable cosmic power; he is immune to most forms of destruction, and he can consume entire planets' energies. Only objects — such as the Ultimate Nullifier and Cosmic Cubes — or beings of cosmic power are any threat to him. He possesses telepathy, manipulates matter and energy on a vast scale, and imbues great power in others, making them cosmic threats in their own right.

BACKGROUND: Galactus is the sole survivor of the universe existing before the Big Bang, having been born Galan on the planet Taa. Reportedly the M'Kraan Crystal was shattered by a demon, resulting in a radiation plague sweeping across time and space, and that reality's Phoenix Force saved the dying universe's inhabitants from eternal damnation, while Eternity, the sentience of the universe, guided Galan into the Cosmic Egg as the universe collapsed in the Big Crunch. Reborn anew in the succeeding/present universe as Galactus, he possessed immense power, requiring an entire planet's energies to survive. First to fall prey to his appetite was Archeopia, after which he spent millennia creating Taa II, an immense ship dwarfing the entire star system. Galactus initially went centuries between feedings, but he gradually hungered more frequently, necessitating consumption of more populated worlds, including the Kree planet Tavis, the symbiote's world Joot, Lumphom, Kallreich's conquered world, Taur, Poppup, the former Skrullian throneworld Tarnax IV, Kehil, Naja-7, one of the Collector's specimen worlds, Verdant, and many more. Galactus rationalizes his actions, believing himself a higher being; of physical origins and composed largely of energy contained by his armor, Galactus is not truly an abstract being, though he has attained cosmic significance and is considered by many as the balance between Eternity and Death, including those beings themselves. It has been prophesied that Galactus is destined to ultimately give back to the universe much more than he has taken.

Billions of years ago, Galactus created a companion, but this being craved conquest and turned against Galactus, who — after an epic struggle — banished the self-proclaimed Tyrant to parts unknown. Galactus has also used many mindless servants, such as the Punishers, but eventually sought a herald to seek out and lead him to suitable worlds. His first such proved violent and corrupt, and the "Fallen One" was cast out and imprisoned. His other heralds include the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian], Air-Walker [Xandarian] and his android replica, Firelord [Xandarian], the Asgardian Destroyer construct, Terrax [Landlak], Nova [Frankie Raye, Terran], Morg [Caranerian], an extradimensional gladiator, Red Shift, Jonathan Storm [Terran], and Stardust.

Despite his power, Galactus has made numerous other enemies, including his ancient rivals Aegis and Tenebrous, Ego the Living Planet, the Elders of the Universe, the In-Betweener, Thanos of Titan, and the extradimensional Hunger. Earth's heroes have driven off Galactus on many occasions, and Victor von Doom [Terran] has even temporarily usurped his power, while Reed Richards has earned his respect and consideration. Most recently, Galactus' cosmic power has been targeted by Annihilus and his forces.



GAMORA

SUBJECT: GAMORA, AKA THE DEADLIEST WOMAN IN THE UNIVERSE, ASTRAL SAMURAI, BAMBI LONG

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly Sanctuary II (mobile base of Thanos), the Dimension of the Soul Gem, the planet Earth, mobile throughout the universe, Godthab Omega; presently in the company of Richard Rider.

INDICTMENTS: Murder, conquest, tyranny

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Godthab Omega; assassinations committed throughout the universe.

THREAT LEVEL: Village/city; when in possession of the Time Gem, potential Universal.

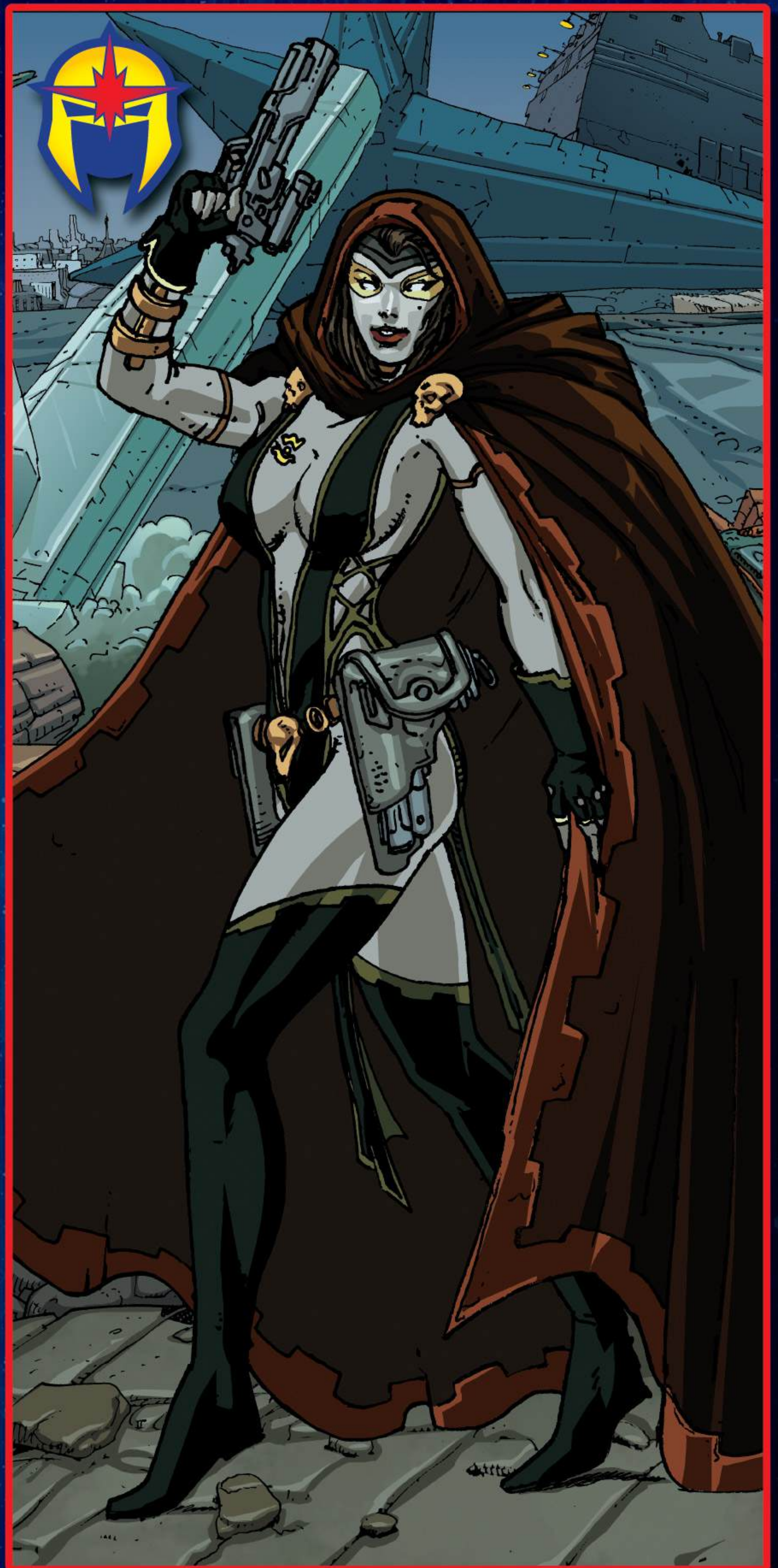
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Gamora's nature as an extratemporal being renders any complications in her detainment to be literally unforeseeable.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Gamora is a remarkable athlete with equal mastery of armed and unarmed combat techniques from at least 83.4% of known space-faring cultures, traits of recently received prodigious enhancement. While in possession of the Time Gem she possessed precognitive capabilities and the potential for far more. The possibility that such characteristics have been retained in less recognizable form should be of paramount concern in any encounter.

WEAPONS: Gamora is exceptionally trained in the use of most known classifications of weapon. She customarily wields Godslayer, a dagger of unknown composition whose unique properties make it capable of slaying even vastly powerful entities.

BACKGROUND: Apparently, Gamora will soon be born to the peaceful Zen-Whoberis race, which will itself be eradicated shortly after her birth, although even the most exacting temporal research has not yet determined if the genocide will be committed by the Badoon or by a mysterious religious institution whose name roughly translates as "the Universal Church of Truth." To date, all measures to ascertain the location of the Zen-Whoberis and prevent their pending massacre has been unsuccessful, and even the most scientifically reliable prophecies have proven unhelpful in this regard. In any event, the infant Gamora will be rescued by a time traveler, the Thanos [Titan] of some twenty-five/thirty range year-standards preceding this analysis, who, upon his return to his timespan of origin, raised her to become one of the most proficient assassins on record, although her acclamation as the universe's premier example may be, for lack of a better term, premature. After allowing her to practice her techniques on individuals who would apparently, in Gamora's alternate future (T.V.A. Designation Pending), become the Grand Inquisitors who slaughtered her race, Thanos sent Gamora to kill his enemy, the Magus [[Clandestine Classification Data Authorization Zeta Iota Psi]], under the presumption that an extratemporal operative would be most qualified to pierce the Magus's defenses. Gamora participated in the epic battle between the Magus and his nemesis Adam Warlock [Terran], the outcome of which remains open to fierce debate. Soon afterward, Gamora learned of Thanos's then-current plan to annihilate all life, a discovery which overcame Thanos's earlier alteration of her ethical system. Thanos inflicted a fatal wound upon his one-time charge, but Adam Warlock absorbed her dying spirit into the Soul Gem which was in his possession at that time, a fate his ally Pip the Troll [Laxidazian] and, soon afterward, he himself met following his own confrontation with Thanos.

Much later, Gamora, Adam Warlock, and Pip escaped the Soul Gem and inhabited new bodies remade in the shape of their own as part of the event sequence surrounding Thanos's use of the Infinity Gauntlet. The three subsequently joined with Moondragon [Terran], Drax the Destroyer [Terran], and Thanos himself to safeguard the Gauntlet's component Gems as the Infinity Watch, an ill-conceived effort that ended with the removal of the Infinity Gems into an as yet poorly classified segment of the Omniverse. Gamora, Adam Warlock, and Pip subsequently devoted their attentions to freelance crisis resolution throughout immediate space.



Gamora's severance from this system of conduct was sudden and shocking, allegedly the result of being "humbled by the great powers of the universe, abused and discarded," although no precise data exists. Finding refuge on Godthab Omega, she received new purpose from the devotion of other adventurers (Cerise [Shi'ar], Nebula [Luphomoid], Spirit [Luphomoid], Stellaris, Tana Nile [Rigellian], collectively "Gamora's Graces") and, operating from a makeshift temple on Mount Virago, embarked upon the gradual conquest of Godthab, activities entirely out of keeping with her prior known standards. She has most recently been reported in the company of Nova [Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 Richard Rider of Earth], Star-Lord [Terran/Spartoi], and others involved in the current Annihilation Wave crisis.



GLORIAN



SUBJECT: GLORIAN, AKA THOMAS GIDEON, THE DREAMER

LOCATION AND STATUS: Mobile throughout the universe

INDICTMENTS: Still under investigation/classification

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Universal

THREAT LEVEL: Planetary

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Reliable containment methods for entities capable of altering reality remain elusive; even permanently induced coma would be ineffective in indefinitely restricting such an entity's capacity to dream and subconsciously influence reality in the process. Current studies are exploring the possibility of deliberate creation of non-linear pocket dimensions of null space, within which Glorian would have no discernible reality to manipulate.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Glorian can manipulate the cosmic energies that bind all matter along probability lines, enabling him to restructure virtually any form of matter and energy to suit his purposes. Early in his development, such restructuring was limited in endurance and range, but any such determinations must be dramatically revised in light of recent reports. He can also alter the perceptions of other sentient beings, causing them to perceive a changed reality where none in fact exists, a talent which makes accurate analyses of his powers problematic at best. Glorian customarily travels by creating tachyon-based hyperspatial bridges to transport himself at trans-light speeds, converting his own physical form into tachyon equivalents and thereby theoretically freeing him from any of reality's physical restrictions upon his person.

BACKGROUND: Unlike that of most beings of similar power, Glorian's early life was remarkably prosaic. He was born and grew to adulthood as a conventional Terran, at which time he and his father Gregory were caught in the pulse/wave of a first-level planetary nuclear detonation, and both men were inflicted with radioactive contaminants untreatable by the accepted scientific standards of their societal development. The elder Gideon attempted to access the mutative genetic capacity of the Fantastic Four, hoping to reverse his own cellular decay, but met with failure. However, the subconscious desires of one of his employees caught the attention of the Shaper of Worlds, who upon his landfall to Earth determined that the psionic potential of Thomas Gideon was significantly greater. The Shaper thus cured Thomas of radiation poisoning and elevated him to a remarkable power level, in which capacity he served as the Shaper's apprentice, Glorian.

Little is known of the Shaper's direct tutelage of Glorian, but the mutated human developed a habit of returning to his homeworld in an effort to alter reality or perceptions of same to bring happiness to his race, rarely with any success. Such encounters customarily involved the Hulk [Terran, cross-reference file Sakaar], and Glorian's insistence on pursuing such an unlikely subject nearly resulted in his physical/spiritual decimation by the higher demon called Cloot. Following an equally unsuccessful effort to bring contentment to the X-Men sub-unit designate Generation X, Glorian, at the Shaper's recommendation, joined forces with two other Terrans and the Stranger to create an altered reflection of an earlier stage of Terran culture for the perusal of select cosmic entities. The success of this endeavor may have adversely influenced Glorian's psyche, since he was next observed active on Godthab Omega, rashly re-creating the planet in a piecemeal manner with little regard for its contemporary inhabitants. Whether Glorian's power was sufficient to overcome even the Annihilation Wave, however, remains undetermined.



KORATH THE PURSUER

SUBJECT: KORATH-THAK

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly the Kree Empire. Currently active on Godthab Omega

INDICTMENTS: Sedition, rebellion, general mischief (Further Investigation Pending)

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Greater Magellanic Cloud, Andromeda Galaxy (see Kree-Skrull War), Milky Way (see Earth), Shi'ar Galaxy (see Kree-Shi'ar War).

THREAT LEVEL: City/village (potential)

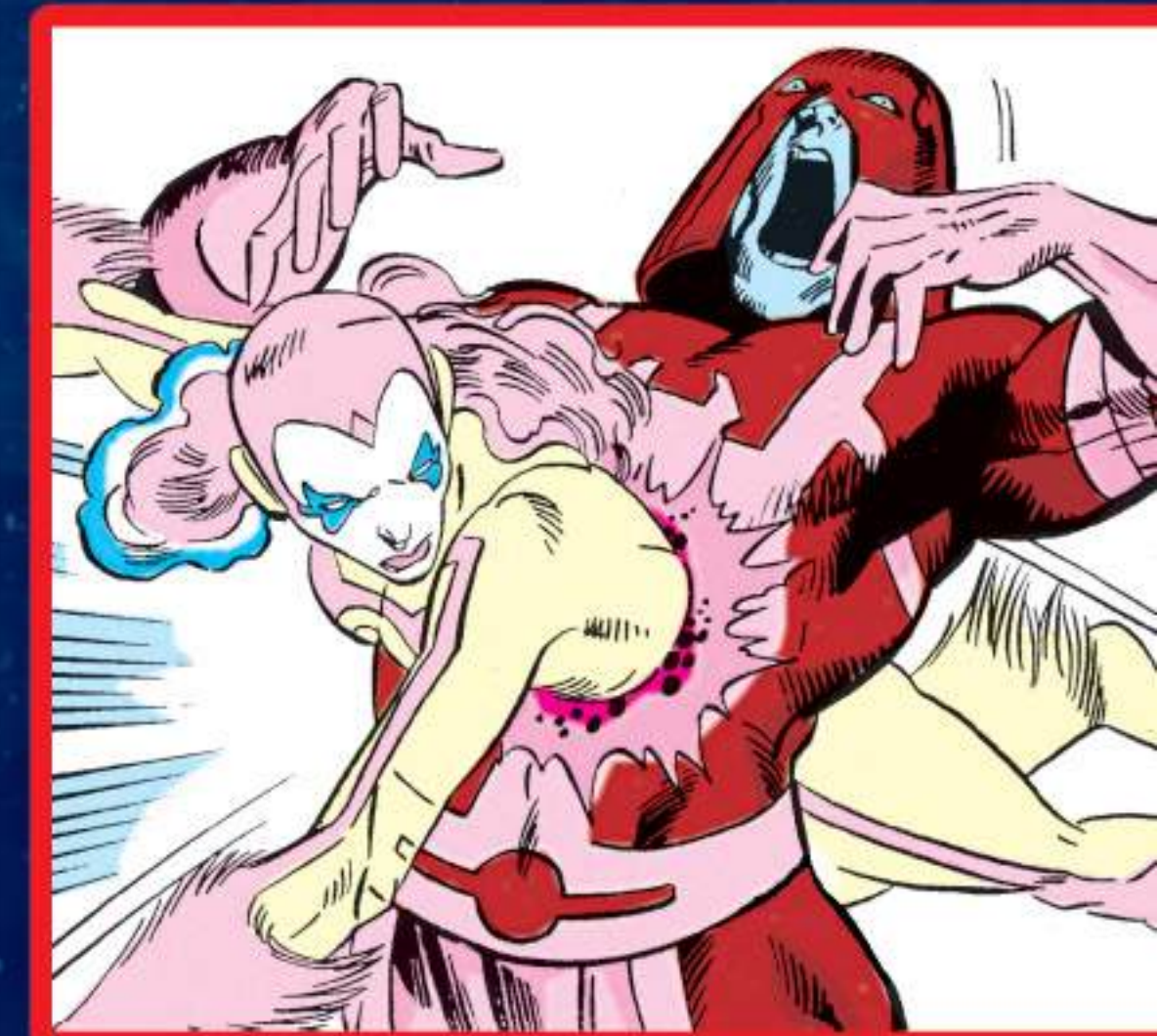
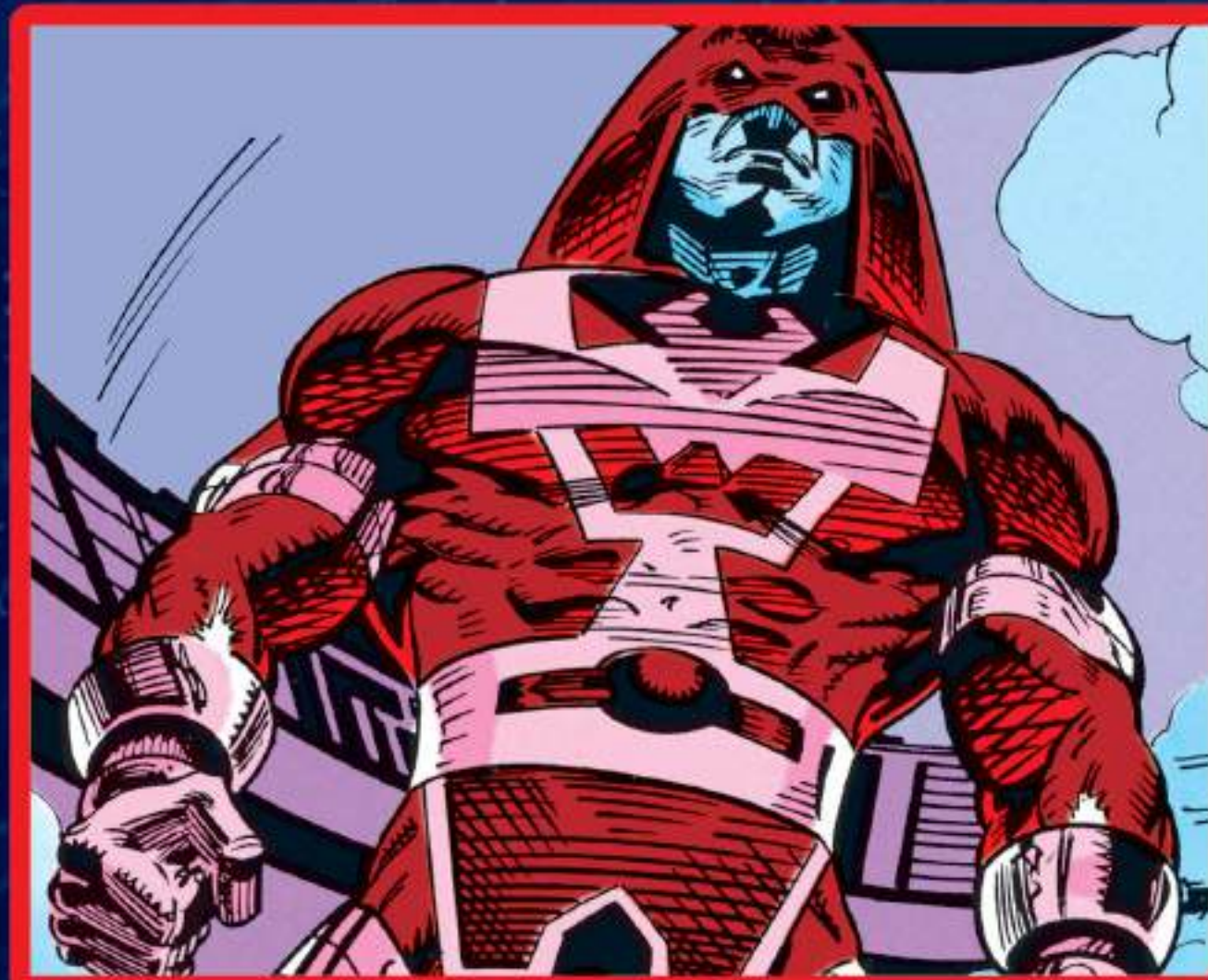
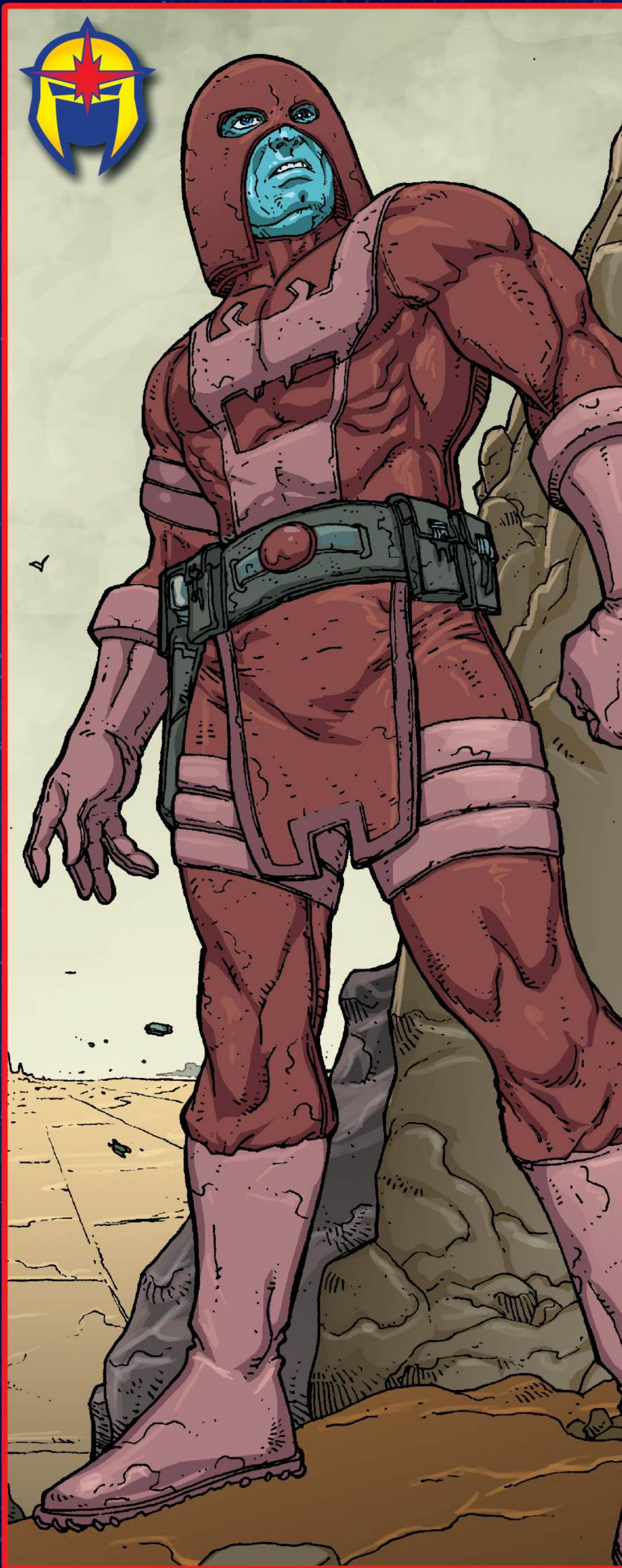
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Based on information to date, Korath can be interred in conventional containment cells modified to specific Kree standards.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Like all Kree, Korath is stronger and more durable than a comparable humanoid specimen, though since being imprinted with the Pursuer template these have been enhanced to an unrevealed degree. He has been trained in ancient Kree martial arts, though he is a relative novice in using them in battle. It is currently unknown if he has been transformed into a "Ruul" Kree.

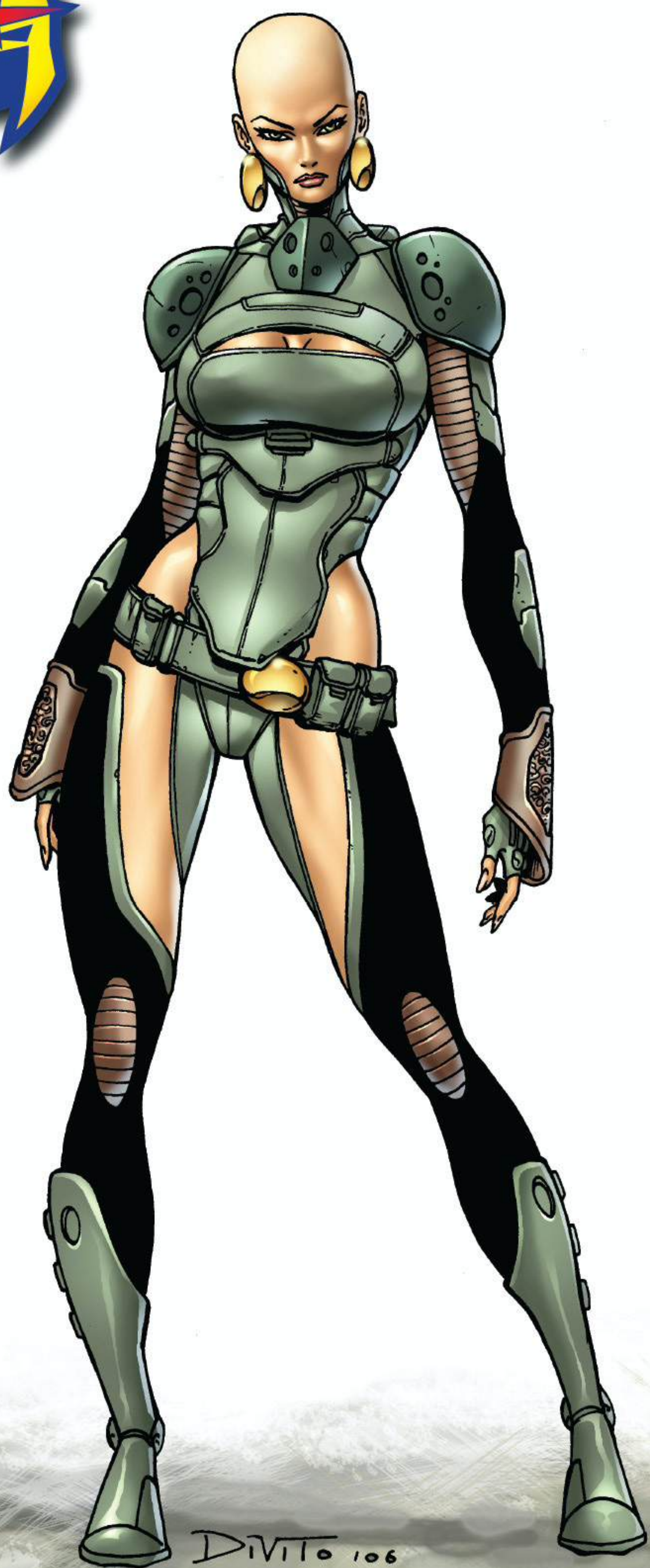
WEAPONS: Korath carries two "beta batons" capable of firing strong energy blasts. He also used protective body armor to fly. As a Kree agent he had access to scanners to find anomalous brain pattern from a crowd or detect high power levels.

BACKGROUND: Korath-Thak is a brilliant cybergeneicist who was one of the creators of the Pursuer project, creating an energy template that could transform any matter it touched into a form it could use to pursue and subdue its intended targets. The first known use of the template was at the instigation of the Kree Science Council to bring the Inhumans of Earth to Hala to serve as conscripts in the Kree army [re: War of Three Galaxies]. The template was beamed to Earth, but instead of hitting stone or metal as hoped, it hit and transformed a cockroach. In this form the Pursuer defeated the Inhuman Royal Family, until Kree defector Falzon used an insecticide to stop the template. Years later the Pursuer project was canceled by Kree leaders Ael-Dann and Dar-Benn because they felt the money could be better spent on other promising projects. Bitter, Korath used the template on himself, transforming himself into a new Pursuer. Secretly summoned back to Hala by the deposed Supreme Intelligence, he joined with Kree Eternal Ultimus, armored Kree Shatterax, Captain Atlas, and Doctor Minerva, as Starforce (see Kree Starforce and respective individual entries) to capture the Avengers, who were allegedly there to kill Ael-Dan and Dar-Benn, who were instead killed by the rogue Shi'ar Deathbird [re: Kree-Shi'ar War]. Starforce was then sent to assassinate Majestrix Lilandra in retaliation, but were stopped by the Imperial Guard and a second team of Avengers.

After the Nega-Bomb decimated the Kree, Starforce was forced to serve the new Shi'ar regent Deathbird as her personal bodyguard. Pursuing Armechadon Deviant Tantalus they joined with Blackwulf's Underground Legion to destroy Tantalus [re: Armechadon, Blackwulf, Underground Legion]. Sometime after the Supreme Intelligence regained control of the Empire from the Shi'ar, Korath and some of the other members of Starforce were considered defectors by the emerging Nu-Elite and exiled from the new Empire. The former Starforce settled on backwater planet Godthab Omega, where they and other Kree exiles lived in relative peace, and kept up with current events via contact with sympathizers on various Kree hubworlds. Recently the newly-exiled Ronan found his way to the settlement, though how long he will stay has yet to be determined.



MOONDRAGON



SUBJECT: HEATHER DOUGLAS, MOONDRAGON

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Earth and Titan, Solar System, Milky Way Galaxy (Terran-born humanoid raised by Titan's Eternals)

INDICTMENTS: Numerous counts of telepathically violating fellow sentients, most notably her short-lived domination of the planet Ba-Banis (foiled by Earth's Avengers); accessory to various crimes on Earth, notably as benefactor to super-powered menaces

such as Angar the Screamer, Dark Messiah and Ramrod; assorted clashes with Avengers, Defenders and other Earth-based heroes. Criminal status uncertain due to long-term mental influence of the demonic cosmic entity known as the Dragon of the Moon; as a presence within her mind, the Dragon allegedly manipulated and corrupted Moondragon for much of her life until its influence was apparently purged from her several years ago.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Primarily Milky Way Galaxy

THREAT LEVEL: Planetary

WARNING: Moondragon's targets are often unaware that she is mentally manipulating them. Approach both her and those around her with extreme caution.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Neural scramblers to disrupt brain's electrical activity for purposes of apprehension, and pharmacological neural-suppression agents for long-term incarceration. In the absence of special equipment, strike as quickly and on as many fronts as possible, allowing her no opportunity to concentrate. Bear in mind that she regards herself as a noble and ethical being, and can sometimes be reasoned with rather than subdued.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

MENTAL POWERS: Telepathy, mind control, personality alteration, memory modification, illusion casting, levitation and concussive force blasts. Also well-versed in advanced sciences of Titan, notably genetics and cybernetics.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES: Peak-human specimen, mastery of Shao-Lom martial arts, near-total control over own heartbeat, bleeding, breathing and awareness of pain.

MINIONS AND ASSOCIATES: Allies have included the Avengers, the Defenders, Hellcat, Gargoyle, Jack of Hearts, Quasar, Genis-Vell, Rick Jones, Sundragon (her cousin Pamela Douglas), Starfox (Eros of Titan's Eternals) and Drax the Destroyer (her resurrected father), most of whom she has manipulated or estranged at some point.

BACKGROUND: Orphaned by the rogue Eternal Thanos [Titan] during one of his early visits to Earth, young human Heather Douglas was adopted by the Eternals of Saturn's moon Titan and raised by their Shao-Lom monks, whose rigorous physical and mental training unlocked her latent psionic powers. A prodigy and self-styled goddess, the increasingly arrogant Douglas rechristened herself Moondragon after seemingly destroying the cosmic demon known as the Dragon of the Moon, unaware that the Dragon survived within her own mind, augmenting her darker impulses. As an adult, Moondragon sought to combat the escalating threat of Thanos and went to Earth in search of allies. First active on Earth as the criminal Madame MacEvil, she later established a more heroic presence in her guise as Moondragon, allying herself with various Earth-based heroes, notably joining the Avengers. While she helped defeat major menaces such as Thanos and Korvac, her haughty attitude and ethical lapses gradually estranged most of her Earthly allies, culminating in her mentally forcing the Avengers to aid her in imposing peace on the war-torn planet Ba-Banis. Defeated by the Avengers, she was turned over to the Asgardians for punishment, who in turn remanded her to the custody of another group of Earthly heroes, the Defenders. She began to reform until the Dragon turned her against her teammates in a series of conflicts that wrecked the group and seemingly killed both her and the Dragon. Resurrected with the aid of Titan's Eternals, the spacefaring Moondragon claims she is a changed woman who genuinely regrets her past misdeeds and wishes to be a force for good. She has since renewed ties with the Avengers, served with Adam Warlock's [Terran] short-lived Infinity Watch, and pursued a romance with spacefaring adventurer Phyla-Vell of Titan.



SUBJECT: MORG

HOME WORLD: Former citizen of Caraner of the Otpsi System in the Siminian Galaxy.

INDICTMENTS: Roles in Global Genocide

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Multi-galactic

THREAT LEVEL: As Herald of Galactus: Universal. Morg remains a category 1 threat due to his amplified Power Cosmic and his sociopathic nature.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: While some cultures believe Galactus' destruction of whole worlds and the role of his Heralds to be a part of the natural order, the Nova Corps does not. Morg's apprehension is desired; if Morg were to be restored to his Herald status the Worldmind would approve without hesitation his apprehension or destruction by any means necessary.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

POWER COSMIC: Imbued with the Power Cosmic, Morg can gather, channel, and manipulate large quantities of Cosmic Energy. Morg also possesses the accumulated mystic power of the now-destroyed planet Bastian of the Walker System in the Siminian Galaxy, which serve to augment his Power Cosmic. However, Morg possesses neither knowledge nor drive towards using these powers in other ways. Morg does not need to eat or sleep since he absorbs energy from the carbon-carbon cycle of solar fusion.

COSMIC AXE: Morg's axe is used to channel the Power Cosmic from his body in the form of cosmic blasts.

BACKGROUND: The being who became Morg was a simple executioner on his medieval planet until Galactus consumed it. Morg opposed Galactus, however futilely, and Galactus selected him as his new Herald, replacing the Terran Nova [Frankie Raye]. Where previous Heralds had chosen worlds for Galactus with the goal of minimizing loss of life, Morg chose heavily populated worlds, leading to unthinkable fatality levels. In the Walker System, Morg gained tremendous mystical energy from the planet Bastian before turning over the world to Galactus for consumption.

Morg's suitability as Herald was contested by the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian], who built a coalition of former Heralds to battle Nova. Morg slew Nova in the fight before being apparently slain in turn by Terrax [Landlak], but Galactus reconstituted his Herald and reempowered him. Seeking his Cosmic Axe, which had been taken by Terrax, Morg hunted and battled Terrax until both were surprised and captured by servants of the Tyrant, Galactus' former creation and long-time enemy. While Terrax escaped, Tyrant employed Morg as a power source until subsequently attacked by Thanos, Ganymede [re: Spinsteroth], and Terrax, at which point Tyrant mind-controlled Morg into fighting the others. When Terrax accidentally broke the mind-control device, Morg reclaimed his Axe and returned to Galactus' service.

When the Tyrant confronted Galactus directly, Morg wielded the Ultimate Nullifier in defense of his master. However, a sentient technomorphic servitor of Tyrant's merged both with Morg's arm and the Ultimate Nullifier, and neither of them proved capable of controlling the Nullifier's power. As the device built towards detonation, Morg apparently freed himself from the Nullifier, sliced through the skin of Galactus' ship, and fled. Despite his cosmic speed, he was caught at the fringe of the Nullifier's detonation and gravely wounded. The absorbed powers of the planet Bastian, combined with the Power Cosmic, slowly healed him from even this severe damage. Still weakened, Morg was later captured by the technicians behind the Annihilation Wave; his fate in their hands remains to be determined.



NEBULA



SUBJECT: NEBULA (only known appellation)

HOME WORLD: Undetermined, possibly the planet Luphom; subject claims she grew up in state of constant space travel

INDICTMENTS: Mass murder, mass destruction, terrorism and piracy, notably the near-total destruction of Xandar itself and the slaughter of most of the Xandarian population. Also, attacked, devastated and looted numerous Skrull worlds; commandeered starship Sanctuary II; stole Infinity Union from Stranger and threatened the universe with same; seized Infinity Gauntlet and briefly menaced universe with its

infinite power; took part in numerous prison breaks, including one at Annoval 14 during which she killed guards, maimed prison chancellor Demetrius Stipe and slaughtered many of her own pirate colleagues to facilitate her escape; attempted bombing of Titan; attacked Nova Corps Operative: 11249-44396 (Richard Rider) on Earth; helped subjugate Goldthab Omega as part of Gamora's Graces; wanted in 147 systems.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy, Greater Magellanic Cloud, Milky Way, others (subject is highly mobile)

THREAT LEVEL: Universal

WARNING: Nebula is highly intelligent, criminally insane and utterly ruthless, seemingly lacking any regard for sentient life.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Apprehend using lethal force if necessary (remember, subject is a merciless killer). For containment, disable any cybernetic implants, strip her of accessories and deny non-correctional visitations. Certain telepathic therapies may soothe if not alleviate her mental problems.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

ABILITIES: Enhanced humanoid physical abilities further augmented by cybernetic implants. Gifted zero-g acrobat, formidable armed and unarmed combatant, expert thief, and brilliant strategist.

WEAPONS: Assorted high-tech weapons (some built into her cybernetic parts) and various spacecraft, sometimes wields devices of cosmic power. Often uses wrist-mounted energy blasters, "image-shifting" holographic disguises and teleportation devices.

MINIONS AND ASSOCIATES: Has assembled and commanded multiple pirate crews and mercenary armies. Notable subordinates have included Taurian strongman Kehl, Kree pirate Levan, Laxidazian thug Skunge, psionic-powered Rigellian scientist Gunthar, and Nebula's sometime consort Geatar. More recently, she has served with Gamora's Graces.

BACKGROUND: Claiming to be the daughter of the late Lumphoid warlord Zorr and the granddaughter of infamous cosmic criminal Thanos of Titan, the space pirate Nebula came to prominence as leader of a mercenary army which tried to conquer the remnants of the Skrull empire after Galactus consumed the Skrull throneworld. She made rapid progress during this campaign until she was routed by the combined forces of General Zedrao's Skrull troops, Earth's Avengers, and the cosmic being known as the Beyonder. Before her defeat, Nebula wiped out most of Xandar (eventually claiming she did this to avenge Zorr), though our civilization was later rebuilt. Upon learning of Nebula's supposed connection to his brother Thanos, Starfox [Eros of Titan] hunted Nebula, helping the Avengers and the Stranger defeat her when she menaced all existence using the Stranger's Infinity Union and the Atomic Compressor developed by Dr. Paul Harker [Terran]. Offended by Nebula claiming to be related to him, Thanos tortured her nearly to death, and then sustained her in a hideous death-like state for his amusement while he wielded the cosmic power of the Infinity Gauntlet. Nebula soon restored herself by wresting the Gauntlet from Thanos, but she lost its power even more quickly than Thanos did. Suffering a mental breakdown in prison on Titan, a catatonic Nebula was freed by Geatar and restored to full consciousness after Doctor Mandibuss rebuilt her as a cyborg. After various defeats and escapes she remains at large, a sworn enemy of Xandar and its Nova Corps. Most recently, she was among the warrior women who conquered Godthab Omega under Gamora's leadership as Gamora's Graces, but Ronan the Accuser [Kree] dealt her a devastating defeat.



TANA NILE

SUBJECT: TANA NILE

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly the Rigellian Empire, then Earth. Perished on Godthab Omega.

INDICTMENTS: Consorting with known felons; suspicion of perjury (Further Investigations Pending); declared guilty of treason by Rigellian Empire (Internal Matter Only)

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Greater Magellanic Cloud

THREAT LEVEL: City (potential)

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Based on information to date, Tana Nile may, if necessary, be detained by conventional containment procedures adapted to specific Rigellian standards. However, her alliance with select extraordinarily powerful beings makes the risk of exterior breakout more significant than is customary.

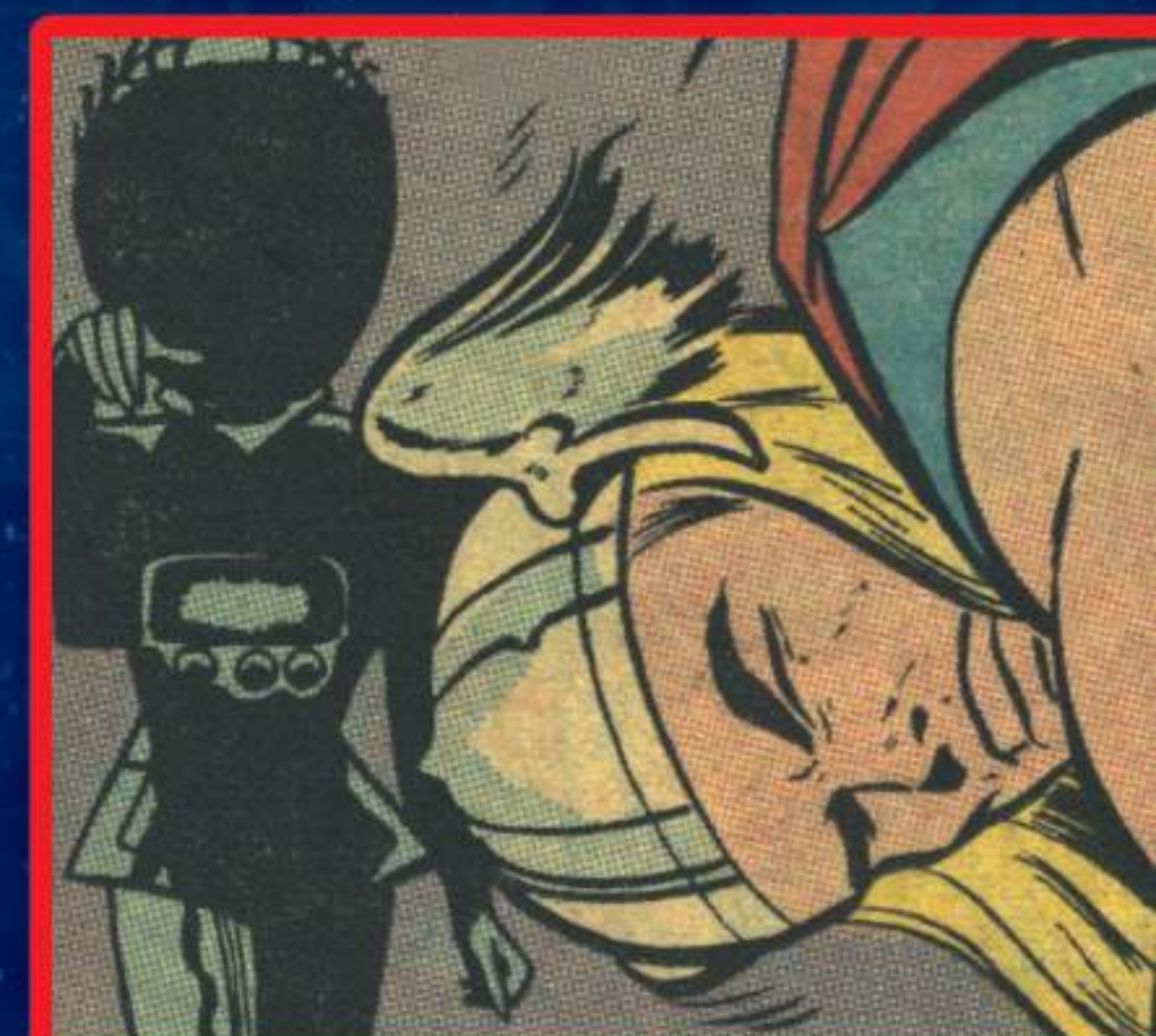
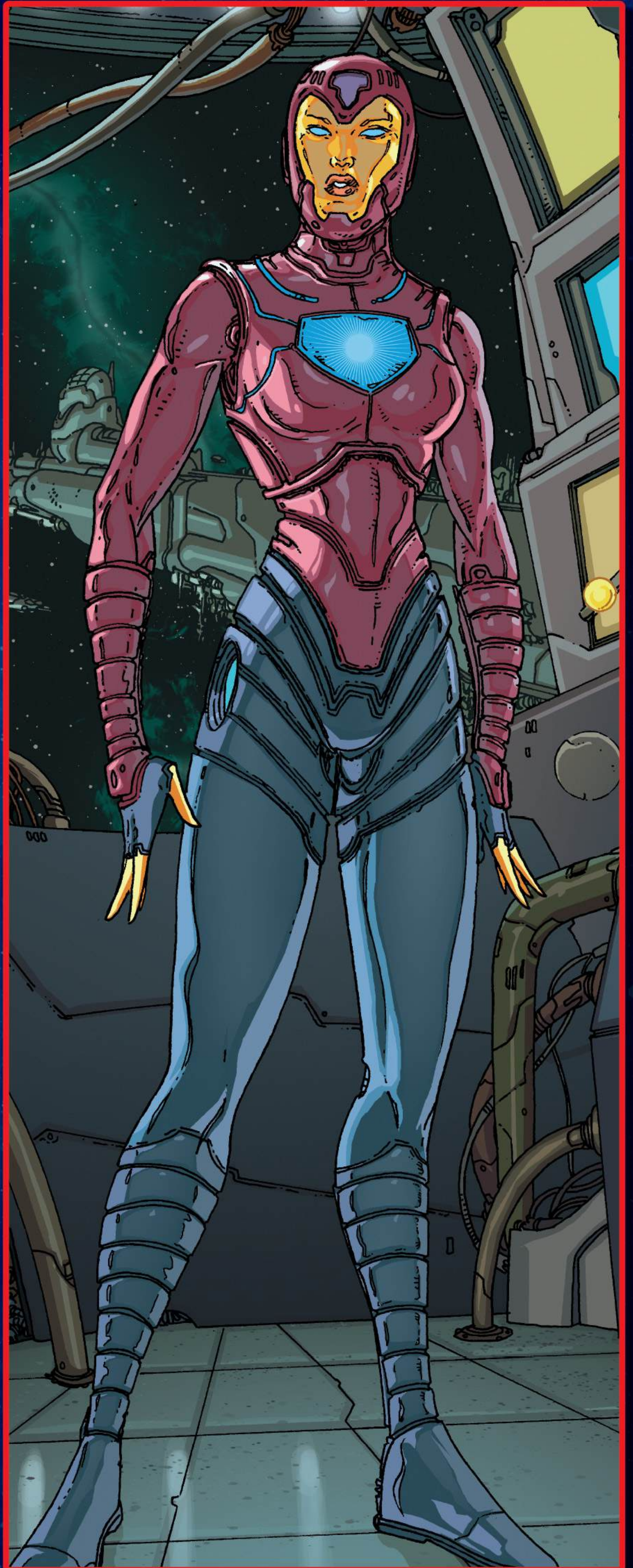
NATURAL ABILITIES: Like all Rigellians, Tana Nile can increase her physical density to obtain superhuman strength and endurance, as well as form psionic attachment to another humanoid for the purpose of controlling said humanoid's mind and actions or of overriding muscular control via "mind thrust." She is trained in her culture's martial arts and is a formidable hand-to-hand combatant.

WEAPONS: Tana Nile customarily uses such standard Rigellian equipment as stasis guns capable of concussive/heat projection and solar beam communicators for intergalactic communication.

BACKGROUND: Tana Nile was one of the Rigellian Empire's most noted Colonizers, contributing to the designation and literal re-location, via Rigel's unique Space Lock technology, of planets selected for absorption into her race's multi-galactic empire. In her capacity as potential Empress of Earth, she familiarized herself with that world while in Terran guise, sharing a residence with Jane Foster [Terran], companion of the Asgardian Thor. After Thor dissuaded her superiors from inducting Earth into the Empire, Tana Nile returned to Rigellian space and became affianced to her government's High Commissioner. She and Thor again met during a failed terraforming experiment utilizing a portion of the living planet Ego, after which she accompanied the thunder god to Earth, where she briefly resided after resuming human form, occasionally accompanying Thor on junkets to his home dimension and assisting him in dismantling the Vrellnexian/Sssth slave ring.

Tana Nile returned her people following Rigel III's destruction by the Rhunians, and her investigation into the murder of several high-placed officials of the multi-galaxy Charter enabled her to assist the short-lived group known as the Star Masters. Her exposure to Terran standards may have ultimately contributed to her rebellion against the Rigellian way as she attempted, using discourse and resistance, to encourage the abandonment of forced colonization practices. Declared a traitor by her Grand Commissioner fiancé, Tana Nile returned to Earth seeking sanctuary with Thor's team of Avengers, only to crash at a mutant-human reserve maintained by subordinates of the infamous Charles Xavier. In the company of three juvenile mutant-humans, a confirmed Guardian of the Nexus of All Realities, and the avian-based extradimensional adventurer Howard, she underwent a series of adventures in non-linear realms which proved to be constructs of one of her companions, Franklin Richards [Terran, re: "Counter-Earth"].

Following the destruction of over two-thirds of the Rigellian Empire by Thanos [Titan], Tana Nile was reassigned as an infiltration agent on a Skrull hubworld, where she allegedly witnessed Ronan the Accuser [Kree] collude with Skrull Baron S'Bak to overthrow the Kree Empire's current regime. After fleeing from the exiled and vengeful Ronan, Tana Nile found refuge on Godthab Omega with Gamora and her Graces, only to fall victim to the Annihilation Wave when it assaulted Godthab Omega. She died before she could reveal her reasons for framing Ronan.



NOVA



KOLINS

SUBJECT: RICHARD RIDER, NOVA (Nova Corps Operative: 11249-44396)

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Earth and Xandar (Terran-born humanoid drafted into Xandarian Nova Corps)

INDICTMENTS: Twice stripped of Nova rank and powers (once voluntarily and once against his will), eventually reinstated both times. Wrongly accused of various crimes on Earth as Nova, never convicted (Rider's dual identity as Nova is secret there regardless).

QUADRANT ACTIVITY: Primarily Milky Way Galaxy and Andromeda Galaxy, mobile.

THREAT LEVEL: Currently minimal, potentially universal (Rider is a benevolent entity, but now commands vast powers which may erode his stability over time)

WARNING: Rider's attachment to his homeworld Earth often blinds him to his larger responsibilities. Young, brash and reckless, he sometimes clashes with authority and has had difficulty cultivating the discipline necessary to control the Nova Force in its entirety.

CONTAINMENT PROCEDURE: If Rider ever goes rogue, some means of separating him from the Xandarian Worldmind and the Nova Force will be necessary, both for his own mental well-being and because he would otherwise be virtually unbeatable by conventional forces.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

POWERS: Rider currently acts as host body to both the Xandarian Worldmind (giving him access to a vast database containing the sum total of Xandarian knowledge and culture) and the Nova Force, the energy which formerly empowered the defunct Nova Corps. The Nova Force tremendously augments his strength and durability and enables him to generate near-limitless amounts of energy for purposes such as high-speed flight, force blasts, gravimetric pulses and the opening of space warps. Rider originally wielded only a tiny fraction of the Nova Force, but he now wields the Force in its entirety. Rider has thus far endured the vast mental and physical strain of his new power, thanks in part to the guidance of the Worldmind and Drax the Destroyer [Terran]. Rider's specially modified Nova uniform also helps regulate his vast energies, in addition to its more conventional functions as a protective suit (invulnerable to most damage and capable of functioning in the vacuum of space), a communications device, and an uplink to the Worldmind.

ASSOCIATES: The last known survivor of both the Champions of Xandar and the Nova Corps, Rider has also served with Earth-based heroic teams such as the Defenders (very briefly) and the New Warriors (longtime founding member). More recently, Rider has assumed a leadership role among the interstellar armies assembled to repel the Annihilation Wave. Some of his closest allies in this capacity include his aide Peter Quill [re: Star-Lord] and Rider's lover Gamora [Zen Whoberi].

BACKGROUND: Empowered by Nova Centurion Rhomann Dey as Dey's emergency replacement, Rider helped the dying Dey destroy the Lumphoid warlord Zorr. Rider then began fighting crime on Earth as Nova, eventually teaming with enemies and allies such as Comet, Crimebuster, Diamondhead [all Terrans] and Powerhouse [Xandarian] to reach the planet Xandar, where they formed the Champions to defend Xandar during the Skrull-Xandar war. When the Skrulls were finally defeated, Rider stepped down from active Nova service so he could return to Earth. After the near-total destruction of Xandar by Nebula, Rider regained his Nova powers and resumed his career as an Earthly superhero, eventually helping to rebuild Xandar and the Nova Corps. Stripped of his Nova rank and powers again for disobeying his superiors, Rider ultimately regained his Nova role while helping to save Earth from the Dire Wraith queen Volx. More recently, Rider was the sole survivor when the Annihilation Wave wiped out the Nova Corps. Now serving as host body to both the Xandarian Worldmind and the totality of the Nova Force, Rider remains a cosmic hero as Nova and has assumed a leading role in battling the Annihilation Wave.



OMEGA CORE

SUBJECT: OMEGA CORE

GALAXY: Verge

STAR SYSTEM: Tercius Prime [Verge System 026]

OMEGA CORE FUNCTION: Pan-galactic peace-keeping force tasked primarily with delivering criminals to the Kyn Maximum Security Prison and assisting Kyn Clerics

PLANET OF OPERATIONS: Eden [Verge Designate: 026-2609B], Kyn Maximum Security Prison.

RACES: Various

POPULATION: Previously 3,000 (approximate); currently undergoing Massive Population Cataclysm due to Annihilation Wave attacks

LEADER / POLITICAL STRUCTURE: Hierarchical command structure, led by Chief appointed by Kyn member civilizations/organizations.

PRIME ENEMIES: The Maker, the Fallen One, Annihilation Wave, Skrulls

ALLIES: The pan-galactic consortium of peace-seeking civilizations/organizations from across the universe that manage the Kyn (including Xandar, Shi'ar Empire, etc.)

NATURAL ABILITIES: Various

BACKGROUND ON OMEGA CORE: Constructed at the time of this universe's Creation Event, the Kyn "Moons" are massive, interconnected spheres that exist at the Crunch cascade, the constantly expanding edge of our positive-matter universe. Although the Kyn's architect is unknown, Galactus used the Kyn to imprison Aegis — the Lady of All Sorrows and Tenebrous of the Darkness Between. Galactus imprisoned his enemies within the Creche, state-of-the-art stasis confinement cocoons powered by the energies generated by the Crunch. Over the millennia, the Kyn served as a prison for criminals and miscreants from across the universe too powerful to be held elsewhere.

In modern times, the Kyn is maintained by a pan-galactic consortium of common interest parties, including all seven of the primary pan-galactic law enforcement agencies and a consensus majority of secondary local enforcement cells who join by subscription. The primary function of the Kyn is to serve as a series of power-generating units, providing energy to over 200 planetary systems. The secondary function of the Kyn is to serve as a death-penalty-exclusive, maximum-security containment unit where the universe's most dangerous criminals are imprisoned. Kyn inmates are free roaming and live in rigged settlements of their own construction within the spheres. Inmates are assigned dangerous Kyn maintenance assignments with a mortality rate of 99.999%. The Kyn is not heavily guarded, as Kyn inmates have interior warders (self-replicating nano-sentinels) inserted into their bodies which remain in constant contact with Kyn artificial intelligence monitors and promptly alert authorities to deviant behavior. Normally mainlined directly into an inmate's circulatory system, the interior wardens are subcutaneously implanted into species lacking liquid in their systems. Clerics, who view the Kyn's place at the edge of the universe as a holy site, maintain the facility out of a sense of religious duty. The Kyn also contains special areas set aside for religious devotees who make pilgrimages to the Crunch.

It is the Omega Core which serves as the pan-galactic peace-keeping force responsible for delivering criminals to the Kyn and assisting the Clerics when interior wardens fail to keep the inmate population under control. The Omega Core is divided into precincts, with most units based on Eden, a planet in Verge System 026 nearest to the Kyn, who access the Kyn via Phase Tube technology. It was members of Omega Core Precinct 666 (Cole, Swad, and Kika), based in the Eden city of Frontline, who permitted the Titan Thanos to enter the Kyn as a pilgrim, ultimately leading to his defeat of the Maker, a prisoner of the Kyn's Creche who threatened all of existence with her unstable powers. Other Creche



prisoners included the pixie-like Skreet and the former herald known as the Fallen One.

Upon the Annihilation Wave's arrival through the Crunch, Annihilus' forces immediately attacked the Kyn, tearing the Moons from their gravitational moorings and causing them to collide with one another, causing massive casualties among both inmates and Omega Core officers and allowing several of the Kyn's most dangerous inmates, including Aegis and Tenebrous to escape.

BELOW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Kika, Cole, Swad & Gladiator.



PAIBOK THE POWER-SKRULL



SUBJECT: PAIBOK THE POWER-SKRULL

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Tarnax IV (now destroyed) of the Skrull Empire, planet in the Tarnax System of the Andromeda Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Crimes against the peace, murder

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy, Milky Way

THREAT LEVEL: Local (Expanded) Paibok is motivated mainly by revenge and self-preservation; he is an officer in good standing within the Skrull Empire.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Nova Corps was in the process of incarcerating Paibok when the Annihilation Wave destroyed Xandar.

Should he be found alive, the Nova Corps would prefer that he be taken alive to stand trial for his crimes. Due to his shape-shifting abilities, Paibok is to be monitored at all times and is not to be kept in the general population if imprisoned.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Paibok possesses the natural Skrullian ability of shape-shifting, with additional powers granted by genetic experiments. He has the ability to generate ice, fire electrical energy from his hands, fly, transform his skin into a metallic substance, and has superhuman strength. He also has the power of hypnosis.

BACKGROUND: An officer of the Skrull Empire stationed in the secret base "War World," Paibok was charged to oppose the Skrull's long-time Terran foes, the Fantastic Four. He trained his one-time lover Lyja [Skrull] to impersonate Alicia Masters, the blind Terran lover of the Thing in order to infiltrate their ranks. While the real Alicia Masters was held hostage on War World, Lyja fell in love with the Human Torch and married him.

By the time the deception was revealed, Lyja had transferred her loyalties to the Fantastic Four, and helped lead them to War World. Paibok had been transformed by experiments into a superhuman, similar to the Super-Skrull, but he was no match for the Fantastic Four. He subsequently formed an alliance with the "peace" warrior Devos the Devastator, and they conscripted Lyja to their side, although she ultimately turned back to the Fantastic Four over her feelings for the Human Torch.

Paibok made alliances with other Terrans, including Ulysses Klaw and Huntara, and he was finally successful in capturing the Human Torch, Thing, and Invisible Woman. He and Devos brought them to the Skrull Throneworld for a public trial and execution, but Devos turned on his ally, having only aided him so that he could learn where the Skrull Throneworld was located. Paibok forced Devos' Death Cruiser into sub-space to save his people's capital.

Paibok later had experiments performed on him by Centaurians to grant him hypnotic powers, and he used this power on a mission to Earth to kidnap Talmadge the Watcher, a prisoner of the Kree. Paibok fought the Thing for the infant Watcher, and was ultimately defeated and captured by the Kree. After much legal wrangling, Paibok was finally sentenced to the Kryn prison, but while in transit, his vessel crashed on Earth, and he attempted to evade the authorities alongside fellow escapees Lunatik [Wy'nkaren] and the Blood Brothers [Roclites]. Drax the Destroyer [Terran] turned on Paibok and he was forced to bring the authorities in to recapture him. Paibok was turned over to the Omega Core and placed in a temporary holding cell on Xandar until his transfer to the Kryn could be completed. When the Annihilation Wave subsequently hit Xandar, Paibok was believed slain; however, of all Skrulls, he has shown a remarkable talent for preservation, and until the current crisis is past, his current status can only be speculated about.



PHYLA-VELL



SUBJECT: PHYLA-VELL, AKA CAPTAIN MARVEL

LOCATION AND STATUS: Titan, fourteenth satellite of Saturn (Sol VI); occasionally mobile

INDICTMENTS: None as yet, file maintained for potential need. While select cultures deem Phyla-Vell's very existence to be criminal due to the circumstances of her conception, the Nova Corps is not bound by such determinations. Although an adult by physical and emotional standards, her chronological age is approximately two or three Earth-years, qualifying her as a minor under several legal systems.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: N/A

THREAT LEVEL: Continental (investigation still in process)

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: If necessary, Phyla-Vell may presumably be contained via confinement of sufficient thickness to withstand prolonged energy discharge, in conjunction with traditional energy-draining facilities. Under worst-case scenario, the circumstances of her creation imply the feasibility of genetic destabilization to sever the artificial combination of her dual heritage.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Per current estimates, Phyla-Vell possesses upper-level strength, five to fifteen range, and highly developed combat techniques. She can channel cosmic energy for the purposes of flight, disruptive electromagnetic blasts of semi-tangible nature, and the absorption/redirection of any energy-based attack upon her person. She can manifest cosmic awareness to indeterminate effects.

BACKGROUND: Phyla-Vell is a Kree/enhanced-human[see Eternals] hybrid conceived via genetic engineering which combined the DNA of her mother Elysius [Titan] with that of the deceased Kree hero Captain Mar-Vell. When her elder, similarly conceived brother Genis-Vell succumbed to insanity induced by flawed use of his cosmic awareness, Phyla was given the informal designation of "Captain Marvel" by her mother and charged with the duty of containing Genis's threat. She acquitted herself sufficiently early in their combat, but was soon overwhelmed by Genis's superior power level and experience. Genis dismissed Phyla, Elysius, and family friend Starfox via a portal into N-th Space, a dimension of non-causal properties. Phyla pulled Genis in after them, and Elysius and Starfox, better equipped to adapt to the surroundings, penetrated Genis's mental defenses and restored his sanity.

During a subsequent multi-temporal personal crisis, Genis entrusted Phyla with responsibility for the safety of Marlo Jones [Terran], mate to Rick Jones, the augmented Terran to whom Genis was molecularly bonded on an interdimensional level. In the course of this interaction, Phyla formed a romantic attachment with Genis's ally Moondragon [Terran], who accompanied her to explore a portal of indeterminate interspatial/dimensional/temporal nature. Phyla resurfaced during the Annihilation Wave, reporting that Moondragon had been abducted by Thanos. Her involvement in the current crisis will be colored by concern and rage over this development, and her potential for disruption should be gauged accordingly.



PRAXAGORA

SUBJECT: PRAXAGORA

LOCATION AND STATUS: Currently in Skrull Empire; formerly prisoner of the UX-73 prison planetoid in the Nexus of Igoa, Negative Zone

INDICTMENTS: None; Praxagora has slain many members of the Annihilation Wave, but these actions have been judged as self-defense.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Not applicable.

THREAT LEVEL: Local. Praxagora possesses considerable destructive potential, but reports suggest her people were innately peace-loving. While Praxagora has abandoned this principle when dealing with Annihilation forces, she is unlikely to deliberately harm others.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends questioning Praxagora to gain intelligence on the Annihilation Wave, and close monitoring thereafter until the threat level estimation is verified.

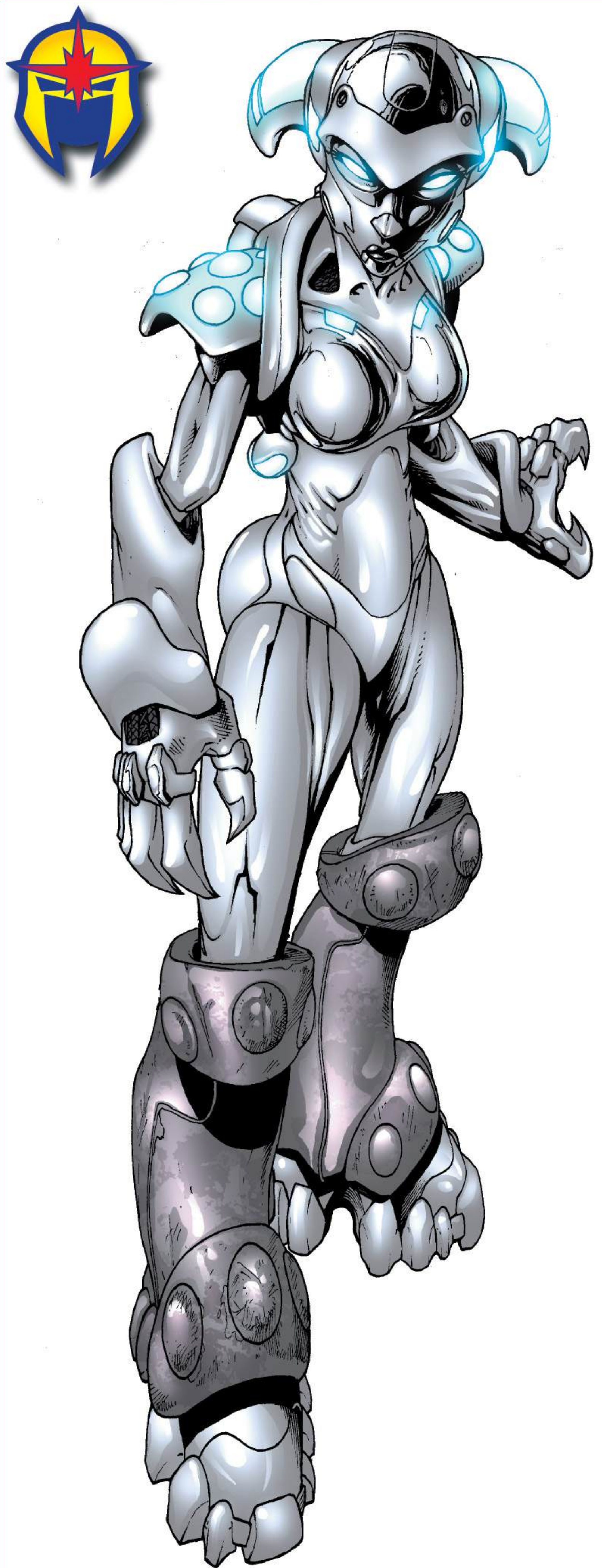
NATURAL ABILITIES: Praxagora hails from a race of luminous androids known as the Ataraxians. Her metallic body is extremely durable, and can survive unaided in interstellar space. She is powered by an internal fusion core (actually a miniature star) located in her chest, providing virtually limitless power, which she can discharge through her arms as superheated plasma streams, powerful enough to cut through most spaceship hulls. This energy also enables flight or the blocking of incoming attacks. As a fatal last resort, Praxagora can initiate a catastrophic reactor overload, building to powerful explosion of unspecified magnitude. Possessing transcendental strength, she has accelerated intelligence and shares a telepathic link with other machines.

BACKGROUND: Praxagora's homeworld of Ataraxia within the Negative Zone's Helicon Cluster was one of perfect architecture and beauty; her race of complex living machines aspired to exist in complete harmony with every living creature. They also mastered a stellar containment technology which enabled them to power themselves and their society. Sadly, their peaceful ways left them defenseless when the Annihilation Wave reached their planet and deemed the Ataraxians an extreme threat to Annihilus' reign; their world was devastated and their people slaughtered. Praxagora, believed to be the last of her kind, was taken captive, a memento of genocide, and delivered to the UX-73 prison planetoid to be interrogated, tortured and experimented on by the sadistic scientist Hawal.

Praxagora would probably have not survived the years of torment she endured, were it not for her fellow prisoner, Preak. She came to view him as her brother and protector, buying her time to adapt and become one of the meanest inmates. It's unclear why Praxagora never fled UX-73; though there were guards, the main defense against escape was a deterrent field which destroyed all organic matter to pass through it, but Praxagora is not organic.

The Super-Skrull [Kl'rt] penetrated UX-73 to capture Hawal, to force him to design a way to destroy the Harvester of Sorrows he had created, but Kl'rt had to defend his prisoner from the inmates, who wanted the scientist dead. After besting Preak and Praxagora in combat, Kl'rt forged the inmates into an army to battle the Annihilation forces, intending to stop the Wave before they destroyed the Skrull world Zarags'na. For her part, Praxagora became Kl'rt's most devoted acolyte, returning with him to the positive-matter universe; it is believed she harbored personal feelings for him, but there is no evidence these were reciprocated.

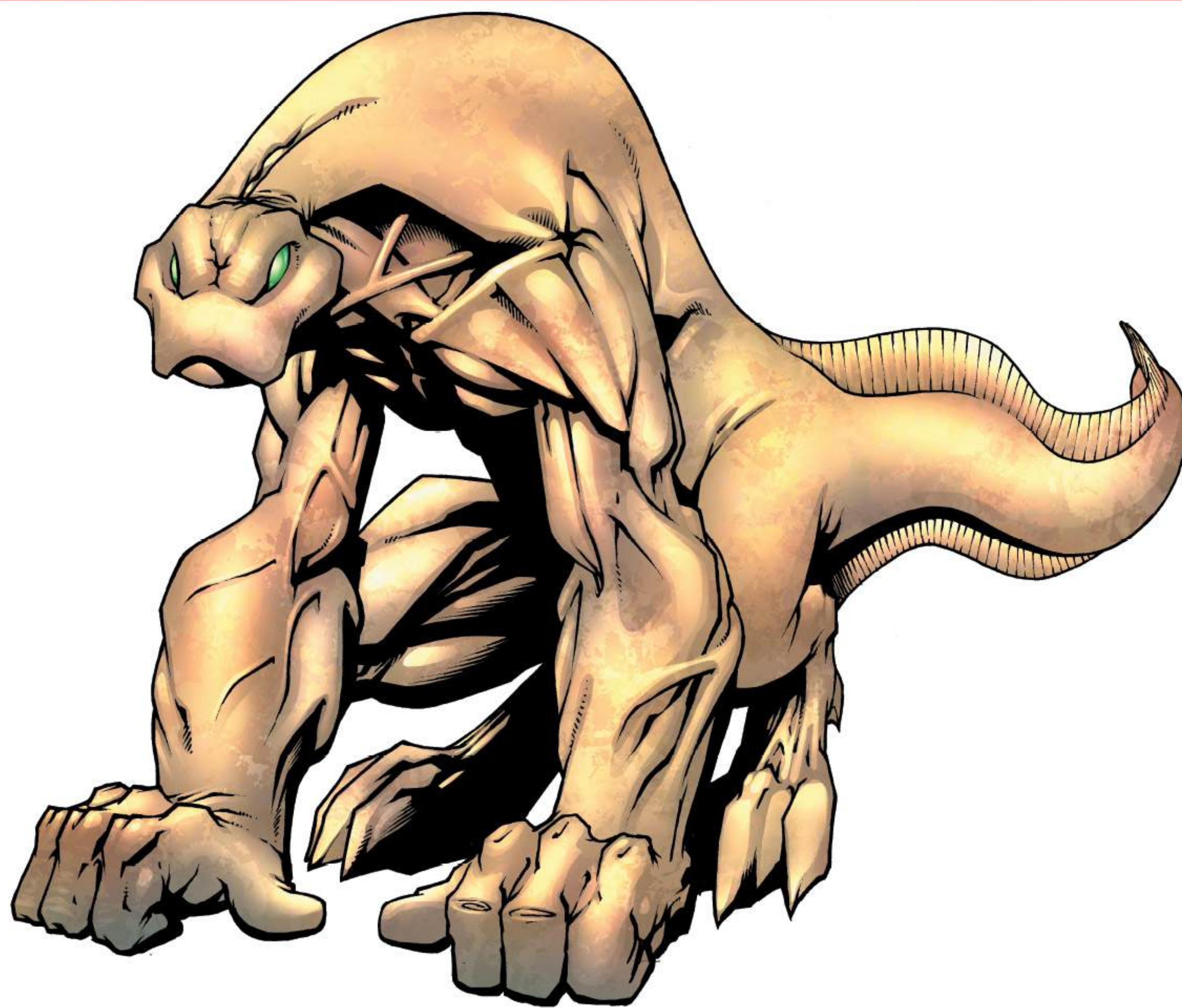
Betrayal within their ranks saw Kl'rt, Preak and Praxagora captured and taken aboard the Harvester. Escaping, the trio tried again to destroy the Harvester, this time from within. Preak was slain, but Praxagora and Kl'rt made it to the vessel's power core, where Praxagora set her own fusion reactor to overload, fatalistically intending sacrifice her own life to eliminate the Harvester. Kl'rt, in an unprecedented act of altruism, refused to permit this, and used his own heat-absorption powers to channel the energies



Praxagora generated. He and the Harvester were both seemingly destroyed, but Praxagora survived. She has since journeyed to the Skrull Empire to report Kl'rt's heroic death to his people.



PREAK



SUBJECT: PREAK

LOCATION AND STATUS: Prisoner of the UX-73 prison planetoid in the Nexus of Igoa, Negative Zone

INDICTMENTS: Manslaughter

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone

THREAT LEVEL: Local

CONTAINMENT / REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: If still alive, the Worldmind recommends immediate apprehension so that Preak can undergo interrogation. Do not strike or expose to concussive or traumatic force under any circumstances. All containment and submission protocols should be based on chemical or electrical means.

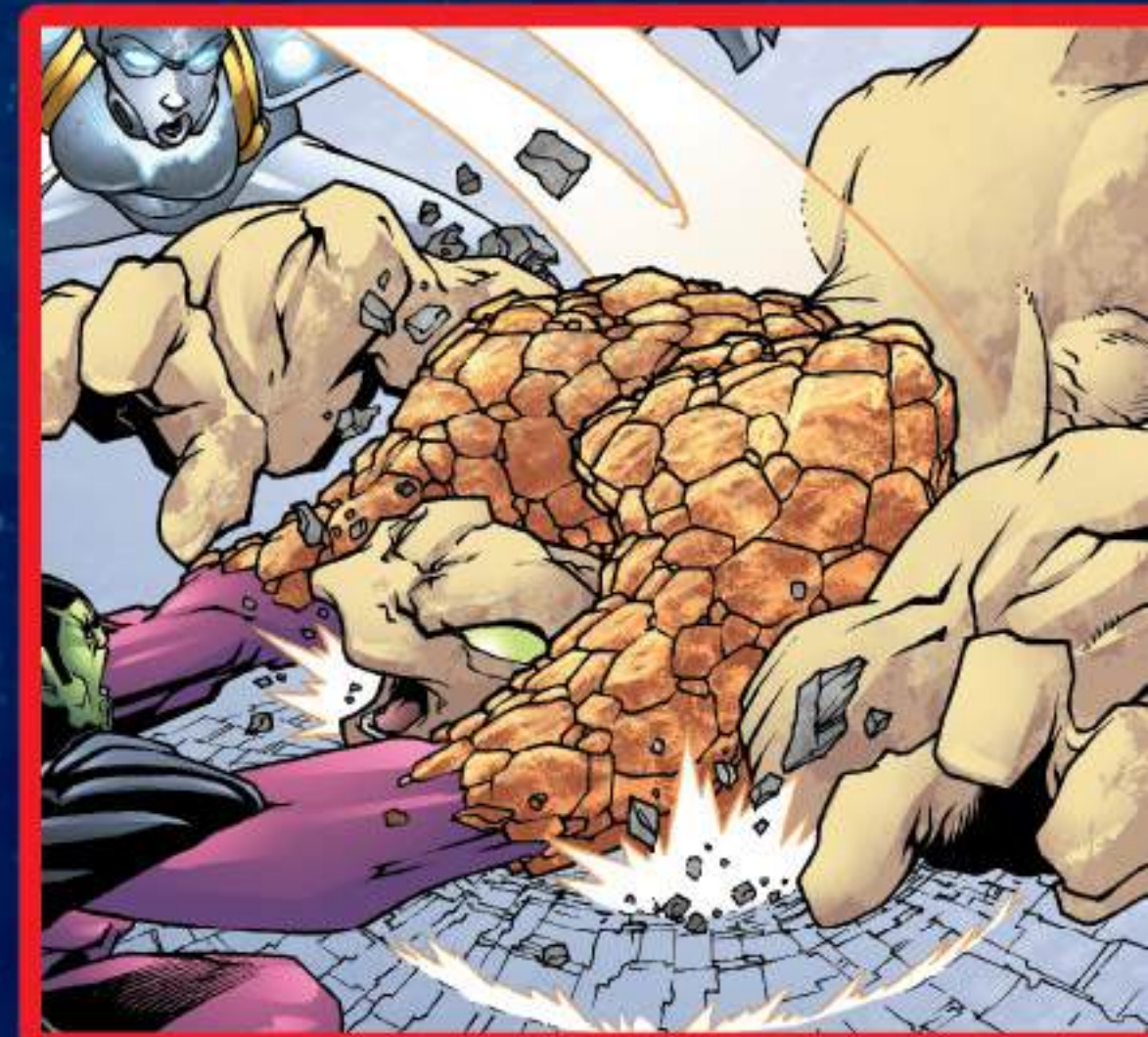
NATURAL ABILITIES: Preak possesses superhuman strength and a near indestructible outer shell. Any blunt-force trauma causes Preak to replicate a second body of equal size, strength, and intellect. After the replicants have outlived their use, they are either allowed to live under their own aegis or absorbed by the primary body. The number of possible iterations has yet to be determined — a single Panspermian has been known to generate over a thousand replicants.

BACKGROUND: Preak is a 10-year old member of the Panspermian race, a species genetically engineered from a silicon-based life form by the Pralagon Shapers of the Barador Nebula and used primarily as beasts of burden in the Pralagon system. Panspermians were designed to be extremely adaptable and devoid of such reproductive issues as sex, pregnancy, and gestation. They were designed to survive under any conditions and provide an inexpensive, easily multiplied labor and basic-level combat force. All Panspermians are essentially identical and may even share memories with the original body from which it was replicated. The species was engineered for minimum intellect and maximum subservience, taking pleasure from even the most trivial of social interactions. They are considered a simple species with little use beyond their initial design.

After the Annihilation Wave destroyed the Barador Nebula, high command issued a cease and desist order on all unauthorized Panspermian replication and experimentation after a plague of Panspermian replicant test subjects forced the Annihilation Wave to bomb the UX-79 experimental planetoid from orbit. Preak survived and was transported to the nearby UX-73 prison planetoid where he befriended Praxagora. The duo endured Hawal's experiments on the dreary prison planetoid for years, unable to escape due to Hawal's heavily armed guards and the deterrent energy field that Hawal erected around the planet which destroyed all organic matter that passed through it.

But UX-73's security systems were breached by the determined Super-Skrull [Kl'rt], who arrived on the prison planetoid in order to find Hawal, the creator of the Harvester of Sorrow super-weapon which, in the hands of Annihilus' soldiers, now threatened Zarags'na, the home planet of the Super-Skrull's only son. Super-Skrull prevented Hawal's retreat from the prison planetoid and was then confronted by Preak, Praxagora, and the rest of UX-73's inmate population, who wanted to kill Hawal for the years of tortuous experiments they endured at his hands. However the Super-Skrull, who needed Hawal alive to create a virus capable of destroying the Harvester of Sorrow, defeated Preak and Praxagora in combat, after which they pledged allegiance to Super-Skrull as their new master and assisted him in his journey back to the positive-matter universe in an attempt to stop the Harvester. Preak dutifully endured a severe beating at the hands of Super-Skrull so that he could create enough duplicates to assist Super-Skrull's young ally, R'kin, in constructing the dimensional portal that would carry them back to the positive-matter universe.

However, once they left the Negative Zone, Super-Skrull's plans were ruined when R'kin betrayed them to Admiral Salo, commander of the Annihilation Wave's Harvester of Sorrows, in exchange for a bounty. With the rest of their allies killed, Preak, Praxagora, and Super-Skrull were taken aboard the Harvester as prisoners. Although Preak seemingly died in combat against a swarm of Annihilation Wave foot soldiers on board the Harvester, Super-Skrull and Praxagora succeeded in destroying the super weapon, although possibly at the cost of Super-Skrull's life as well.



QUASAR



SUBJECT: WENDELL ELVIS VAUGHN, QUASAR

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Earth, Solar System, Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Inapplicable by most accounts; however, certain factions of the Kree blamed Earth's Avengers (Quasar included) for the genocidal Nega-Bomb detonation during the Kree-Shi'ar war, though evidence available to Nova Corps suggests this is a false accusation.

QUADRANT ACTIVITY: Originating in Milky Way Galaxy, later active throughout known universe and beyond

THREAT LEVEL: Apparently deceased, and a benevolent entity regardless; however, possessed power which could have constituted a universal menace in the wrong hands

WARNING: Not to be confused with the similarly equipped and outfitted Marvel Boy (Robert Grayson), a.k.a. Crusader, or Grayson's insane duplicate the Blue Marvel, both extremely dangerous prior to their apparent demises.

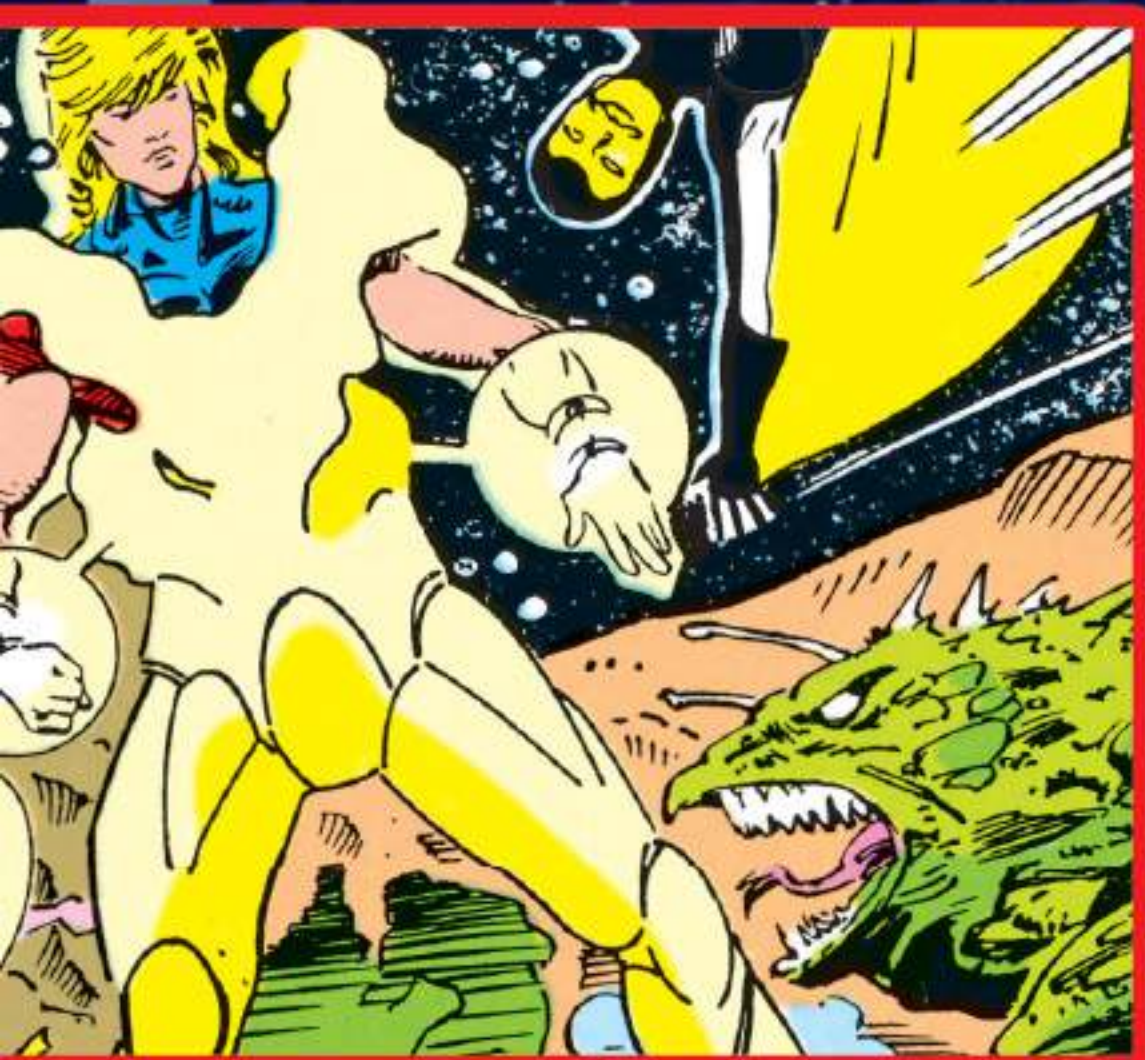
CONTAINMENT PROCEDURE: Ideally, separation of Vaughn from his quantum bands would render him harmless, but the bands were bonded to him in such a way as to make this approach impractical. Vaughn himself was human and physically vulnerable as such, if his bands' defenses could be penetrated. Regardless, Vaughn seldom clashed with authorities, being a well-respected Protector of the Universe and a markedly diplomatic and reasonable individual, relatively unique among cosmic adventurers and Terran superhumans in that regard.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

WEAPONS: A physically ordinary Earth-born humanoid, Vaughn wielded the quantum bands, immensely powerful energy-manipulating devices which he wore as bracelets permanently affixed to his wrists. Attuned to the realm of potential energy known as the Quantum Zone, the bands enabled Vaughn to manipulate energy for various effects such as high-speed flight (supersonic within atmospheres and warp speed in space), energy blasts, force fields, generation and manipulation of energy constructs, energy siphoning, and protection from psionic attack. By creating apertures into and out of the Quantum Zone, Vaughn could cover astronomical distances in moments.

ASSOCIATES: Vaughn was mentored by the cosmic being Eon until its demise, and was later allied with Eon's offspring Epoch. On Earth, Vaughn served with the intelligence agency S.H.I.E.L.D., the Defenders (briefly), the Project: PEGASUS staff and the Avengers. He also served with an alliance of spacefaring adventurers known as the Star Masters. Vaughn's other notable allies included the Eternal speedster Makkari of Earth, infamous telepath Moondragon, genetically engineered superwoman Kismet (a.k.a. Her), and the alternate reality superheroes known as the Squadron Supreme. He was romantically linked to Terran Kayla Ballantine, who inherited the cosmic power of the Star Brand.

BACKGROUND: The ancient alien artifacts known as the quantum bands are traditionally bestowed upon a worthy warrior by the cosmic entity Eon, who designates this champion the "Protector of the Universe." Decades ago, the bands mistakenly fell into the hands of Terran adventurer Marvel Boy (Robert Grayson), who ultimately died abusing their power. Terran intelligence agency S.H.I.E.L.D. recovered and tested the bands, which ultimately bonded with S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Wendell Vaughn, who was unwittingly Eon's new selection for the Protector role. Vaughn began operating as a S.H.I.E.L.D. super-agent and an Earth-based superhero, first as the new Marvel Boy, then as Marvel Man, and later in an identity uniquely his own as Quasar. Eventually, Vaughn made contact with Eon, learning of his new Protector role and embracing its responsibilities, becoming active on an interstellar scale while maintaining some contact with Earth. When Eon died, Quasar aided the birth of its offspring Epoch and served as the cosmic child's godfather. More recently, Quasar was among the most prominent and powerful warriors battling the Annihilation Wave, but was killed in battle with its leader Annihilus.



RAVENOUS

SUBJECT: RAVENOUS

LOCATION AND STATUS: Aligned with the Annihilation Wave, serving as Pack Alpha Seeker and Annihilus' second in command

INDICTMENTS: Accomplice to Genocide and Mass Murder

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone, Verge Galaxy, Andromeda Galaxy, Greater Magellanic Cloud

THREAT LEVEL: Universal. Ravenous is a harbinger of terror and destruction for Annihilus and the Annihilation Wave. He performs his duties not only out of a sense of obligation to Annihilus, but because of his sadistic enjoyment of "the hunt." He is currently a Category 1 Threat and a priority for any Nova Corps members remaining throughout the universe.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: With the current state of war and the Kryn destroyed, the Worldmind has deemed execution on sight an acceptable solution.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Ravenous and his fellow Seekers are superhumanly strong and durable. Whether this is an inherent natural ability or merely the result of being a conduit of the Opposing Force remains to be seen. Seekers are also equipped with plasma blasters that distend from their carapace plating and long-range communication devices grafted into their throats.

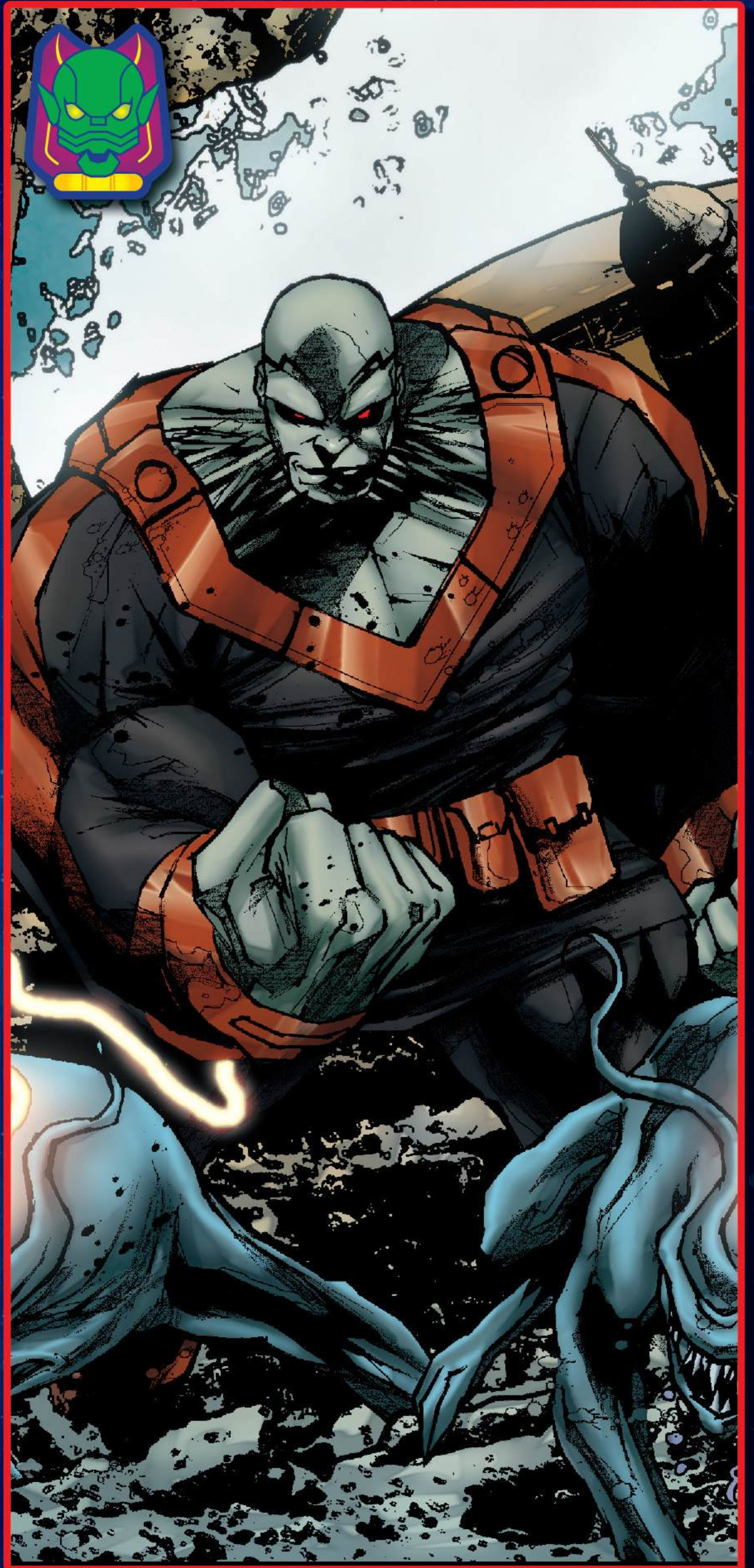
OPPOSING FORCE: Ravenous and his Seekers are conduits for the Opposing Force [also known as The Essence], which is the Negative Zone's version of the Power Cosmic. As such, the Seekers are the equals to any Herald of Galactus. The Worldmind is still in the process of cataloging the Opposing Force's capabilities.

CURRS: While the Seekers are conduits of the Opposing Force, the Opposing Force itself actually resides within the Currs, canine-like larvae pups bred to be attuned to the unique energy signature of the Power Cosmic, enabling them to easily track the energy signatures emitted by the Heralds of Galactus (even through hyperspace). Each Seeker is attached to a pack of approximately 2-3 Currs by a leash-like umbilical cord. With writhing, gelatinous, tentacle-like sensory organs instead of eyes and gaping maws filled with multiple rows of razor-sharp teeth, the Currs make ideal hunters. When destroyed, the Currs regenerate from the umbilical cords within minutes. During this time, the Seeker loses his connection to the Opposing Force until the Curr fully regenerates.

STAR SLEDS: As their primary mode of transportation, Ravenous and his Seekers deploy modular Star Sleds, pocket-sized devices that unfold into full-size sleds propelled by each Seekers' Currs.

BACKGROUND: Few hard facts are known about Ravenous and his Seekers. He appears to have originated in the Negative Zone where he was recruited by Annihilus, but it is unknown whether Annihilus had a hand in his creation. Although whispers of the Seekers have been heard for years by those who have entered the Negative Zone, it is only now that Ravenous has been singled out as their leader. The handful of survivors who have encountered Ravenous describe him as an unstoppable force of nature. He is also rumored to have actually devoured a defeated opponent during the earliest days of the Annihilation Wave's incursion into our positive-matter universe.

Seeking to unlock the possibilities of biological application of the Power Cosmic, Annihilus assigned Ravenous and his Seekers the task of finding the former Heralds of Galactus and capturing them alive for study. After the Annihilation Wave destroyed the Xandar Cluster, Ravenous and his Seekers were sent to that region of space to find Air-Walker [Gabriel Lan, Xandarian] and Firelord [Pyreus Kril, Xandarian], two former Heralds of Galactus who were native to Xandar. Upon locating Air-Walker, Ravenous was disappointed to discover that the Air-Walker was a machine and terminated him, despite



the Silver Surfer's [Zenn-Lavian] interference. As his Seekers tracked Silver Surfer to the Skrull-controlled Tercera Prime Peripheral System of the Andromeda Galaxy in a futile attempt to apprehend him, Ravenous returned to Annihilus' flagship in the Skrull-controlled Yarvan 7 System of the Andromeda Galaxy to escort the Titan Thanos to a meeting with Annihilus. The Seekers ultimately tracked Silver Surfer to the Obada'an Rim within the Badoon/Skrull Neutral Zone, where he had been summoned by his former master Galactus. Ravenous engaged the Herald and master, but was handed a humbling defeat by the unleashed power of the Silver Surfer.



RED SHIFT



SUBJECT: RED SHIFT

LOCATION AND STATUS: Mobile throughout the universe; planet of origin unknown

INDICTMENTS: Promoting genocide

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known Universe

THREAT LEVEL: Village/city; formerly Universal

As Galactus' herald, Red Shift facilitated Galactus' devouring of planets with sentient populations; his subsequent activities have been more benign.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends capture, or possibly termination to prevent Red Shift from returning to Galactus' service. Red Shift must be punished for assisting the world devourer.

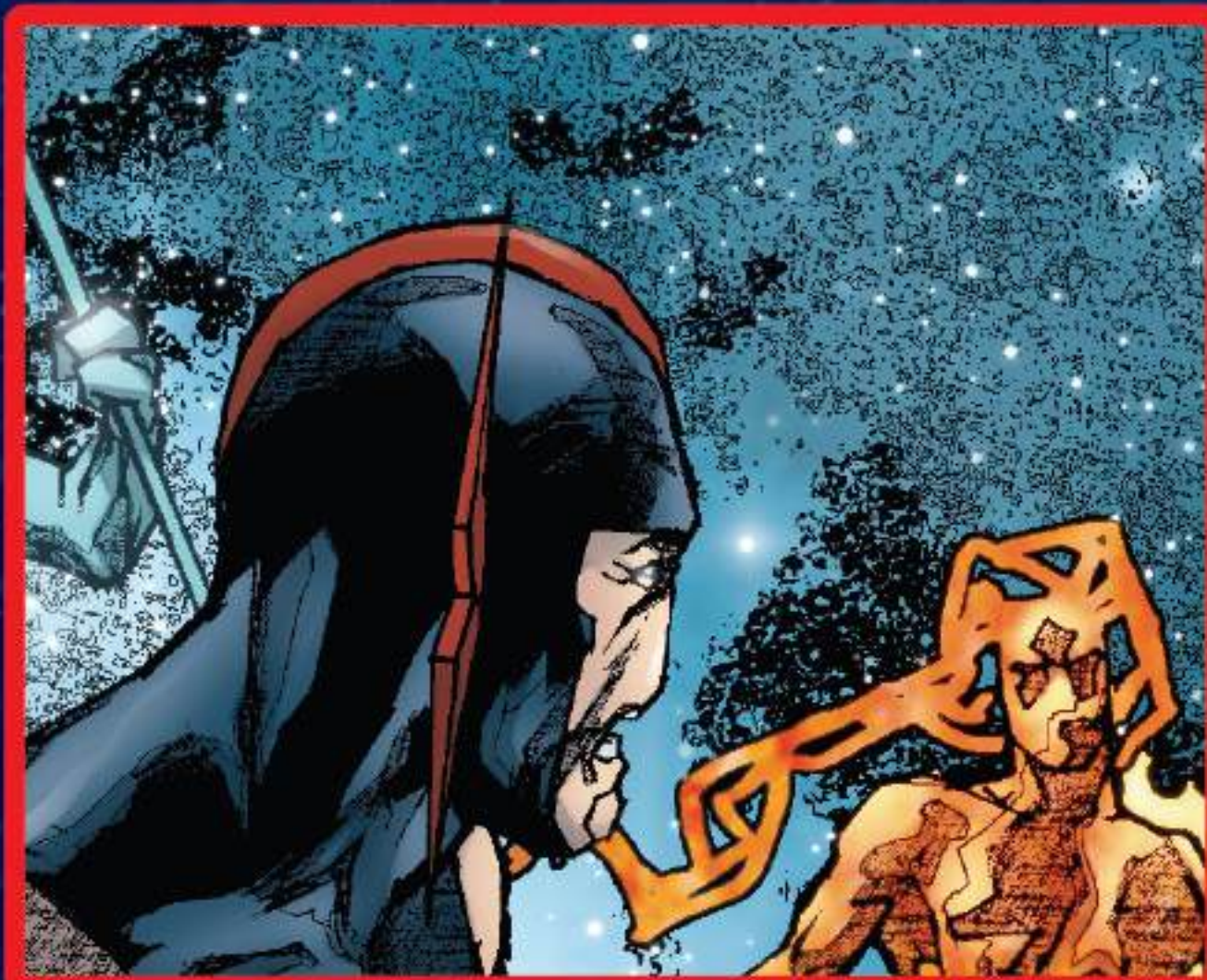
NATURAL ABILITIES: Red Shift possesses the power cosmic. He can open dimensional rifts and portals across vast distances, summoning or banishing objects, beings, or energy at will. He uses this to his advantage to redirect meteors, energy blasts, and even black holes.

He wields two cosmic swords, which his abilities apparently depend on. He manipulates the entire electromagnetic spectrum, flies at incredible speeds, survives unaided in the vacuum of space, and presumably has incredible strength and durability.

NOTE: Red Shift refers to the astronomical measurement of direction; if something is moving away from the viewer, its light will be shifted to longer (red) wavelengths.

BACKGROUND: Nothing is known of Red Shift before he became the herald of Galactus. At that time Galactus had begun to degenerate into insanity, consumed with a desire for planets teeming with sentient life, though those very life forces were poisoning the mighty world devourer. With no compunction against sacrificing such worlds, Red Shift provided his master with many of these before targeting Earth, the world that had repeatedly thwarted Galactus. En route to Earth, Red Shift encountered and attacked the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian] and the Terran Alicia Masters, who at the time had gained a powerful suit of space armor from the extradimensional Cy-Phyrr. The Surfer, a past herald of Galactus, recognized the energies of his former master in Red Shift and sought to stop Red Shift to spare Earth. After some struggle, Red Shift revealed Galactus' insanity, after which he redirected the Surfer's energy blast to instead strike Alicia, forcing the Surfer to send her to Earth. Red Shift then opened another warp portal, with a black hole at the other end. Both combatants entered the portal, with Red Shift intending to escape and leave the Surfer behind, but when he opened another portal, the Surfer destroyed one of his swords, took the other sword, and escaped through the portal himself, leaving Red Shift stranded. It was only then that the Surfer learned from Galactus that Red Shift had already set him on a course for Earth.

Eventually escaping the black hole, Red Shift later found himself targeted by the Seekers of Annihilus, who were gathering all Galactus' former heralds so that their master might learn how living beings were imbued with the Power Cosmic. Red Shift was forced to join forces with other remaining heralds, such as Firelord [Xandarian], and Stardust to survive the assault. They have now joined the ranks of the resistance led by Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 [Richard Rider of Earth], last known survivor of the Nova Corps.



SUBJECT: R'KIN

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizen of Tarnax IV (now destroyed) of the Skrull Empire, Planet in the Tarnax System of the Andromeda Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Accomplice to Murder

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy (See also Skrulls and Super-Skrull)

THREAT LEVEL: Local

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: If still alive, the Worldmind recommends immediate apprehension so that R'kin can undergo interrogation

NATURAL ABILITIES: Like most Skrulls, R'kin has the ability to shape-shift, although these abilities (like his physical strength) are considered substandard. He is also a highly skilled mechanic, trained in general engineering, combat-vessel repair, and star-drive technology.

BACKGROUND: R'kin was the youngest of the sixth brood of hatchlings of General N'ala, a commanding officer in the Skrull Sub-Orbital Assault Force. During the epic Battle of Harkoon, one of the bloodiest battles in the Kree-Skrull War, many Skrull soldiers selflessly gave their lives so that their Empire could gain a strategic victory over their hated Kree rivals. Under the command of the famed Super-Skrull (Kl'rt), General N'ala and his men bravely gave their lives on the battlefield so that the ores of Harkoon continued to flow. R'kin grew up idolizing Super-Skrull, wanting nothing more than to fight alongside Super-Skrull one day just like his father. Falling on hard times and being rejected by the Skrull Intelligence Corps, R'kin was rescued from poverty by the Skrull Engineering, Sanitation & Maintenance Division where he mortgaged his current lifespan in exchange for steady employment and a home in the Skrull Armada. After the fragmentation of the Skrull Empire, R'kin was employed as a lowly mechanic on the deck of a Skrull Imperial Cruiser in the fleet of Baroness S'Bak and finally had the opportunity to meet his childhood idol approximately 26 days after the Annihilation Wave first entered our universe. Super-Skrull had assaulted Baroness S'Bak aboard her Command Cruiser following an argument over what tactics to use against the Annihilation Wave. The outraged S'Bak ordered her troops to kill Super-Skrull, but he jettisoned himself into space where he was rescued by R'kin, who stole a star-drive shuttle from S'Bak's fleet so he could reach Super-Skrull before S'Bak's starfighters did. Declared an enemy of the Skrull Empire with a million golden z'lak bounty placed on his head, Super-Skrull took R'kin to planet Earth, Solar System, Milky Way Galaxy to the laboratory of Dr. Reed Richards [re: Mr. Fantastic, Terran] in New York City, New York, U.S.A., where they gained access to the Negative Zone.

Once in the Negative Zone, R'kin began to realize that the tales he heard as a child of the valiant Super-Skrull were not true to life. Super-Skrull located Dahane, a high-ranking officer in the Annihilation Wave stationed at the Negative Zone's Chroanus Belt Station, who he tortured, interrogated, and killed as R'kin watched in horror. Using the information Super-Skrull obtained from Dahane, the duo next traveled to the UX-73 prison planetoid in the Negative Zone's Nexus of Igoa. Once there, Super-Skrull recruited UX-73's prisoners into an army to stop the Annihilation Wave's advance into Skrull space and forced the designer of the Harvester of Sorrow to create a virus capable of destroying the super weapon. With his objectives in the Negative Zone complete, Super-Skrull berated R'kin for not being able to assemble a dimensional portal to transport them back to the positive-matter universe fast enough. When the portal was complete, R'kin requested that he be the one who piloted the missile ship that would deliver the viral payload into the Harvester of Sorrow while Super-Skrull's commando fleet broke through the Annihilation Wave's defenses. Super-Skrull agreed, only to later find that R'kin had made a deal with Annihilation Wave Admiral Salo, commander of the Harvester, warning Salo of Super-Skrull's plan and then refusing to deliver the viral payload in exchange for a bounty. His army obliterated as a result of R'kin betrayal, Super-Skrull used his hypnotic powers on R'kin to compel the young Skrull to free him.



Super-Skrull eventually tracked down R'kin, who was trying to escape the Harvester in a shuttle, and tore off his appendages, cauterizing R'kin's wounds with fire so that he would not die. Super-Skrull succeeded in destroying the Harvester shortly after. Although R'kin's survival is doubtful, the wily young Skrull's fate remains to be seen.



RONAN THE ACCUSER



SUBJECT: RONAN

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly the Kree Empire. Currently active on Godthab Omega.

INDICTMENTS: Sedition, murder, kidnapping, (Further Investigations Pending), convicted of treason against the Kree government (Internal Matter Only).

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Greater Magellanic Cloud, Andromeda Galaxy (see Kree-Skrull War), Milky Way (see Earth), Shi'ar Galaxy.

THREAT LEVEL: Village/city (potential)

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends somehow neutralizing Ronan's Universal Weapon, since this is the main source of his powers. It is advisable to call for backup against Ronan, though it should take no more than three or four Corps members to subdue him. Based on a recent incident on Bwokk, Ronan still sees himself as a Kree lawgiver and acts accordingly. Corps members are authorized to use lethal force.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Ronan is stronger and more durable than a comparable humanoid specimen. He has training in Kree military tactics, and has led many successful military campaigns. He can "evolve" his body to survive in hostile environments, though the Kree have been extremely reluctant to use this ability of late. The Worldmind theorizes that this might be because the shapeshifting involved is far too reminiscent to Kree's psyches of Skrull shapeshifting abilities, though this theory has yet to be explored in any meaningful way. (see Kree/'Ruuls')

WEAPONS: Originally Ronan wore armor that enhanced his strength to almost the Thing's level (see Fantastic Four), and generated an "aura of negativism," making him effectively invisible. His original Universal Weapon tapped into cosmic energy for various effects such as disintegration, transmutation and matter rearrangement, and "time-motion displacement fields." (See Kree Accuser corps for a full description of Universal Weapons and Accuser armors capabilities.) Ronan now uses apparently less powerful versions of his old armor and Universal Weapon, though how much less powerful has yet to be adequately gauged.

BACKGROUND: Ronan was born into a leading aristocracy family. Upon completing his formal education he joined the Accusers, high government officials who enforced Kree laws, acting as judge, jury, and executioner on any world the Kree have ever stepped foot on. Ronan was eventually promoted to Supreme Public Accuser, the third most important position in the Empire. Now called simply Ronan the Accuser, he only went out on personal missions on matters of the gravest Imperial importance. When the Earth's Fantastic Four disabled a Kree Sentry, Ronan investigated and was defeated. He later overthrew the Intelligence and seized control of the Empire, only to have the Intelligence use captured Terran Rick Jones's latent psionic powers to take back his Empire [re: Kree-Skrull War, Avengers, Captain Mar-Vell, Rick Jones, Supreme Intelligence]. Much later, when the Nega-Bomb decimated the Kree, Ronan was forced to serve the Shi'ar conquerors as their enforcer, though he secretly worked against them when feasible, until the Supreme Intelligence once more returned to power and somehow managed to hyperevolve many Kree into what they allegedly would have become centuries in the future. [re: Kree/'Ruuls,' "Maximum Security," Ego]. Ronan, once more Public Accuser, rounded up and "advanced" those Kree who were originally missed in the initial transformation. Recently Ronan was convicted of treason by Tana Nile [Rigellian] and exiled from the Empire, allegedly at the instigation of one of the Nu-Elite ruling class. He journeyed to Godthab Omega to locate Tana Nile and clear his name, but Tana Nile was slain by the Annihilation Wave before she could reveal everything to him. Ronan has brought the other survivors of Godthab Omega to join the resistance being led by Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 [Richard Rider of Earth] against the Annihilation Wave.



ADMIRAL SALO

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL SALO

LOCATION AND STATUS: Citizen of Arthros, planet in Sector 17A of the Negative Zone; Senior Admiral in the Annihilation Wave, most recently stationed on the Harvester of Sorrows

INDICTMENTS: Accomplice to Genocide, Enslavement, Mass Murder, Crimes Against the Peace, War Crimes

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Negative Zone and Andromeda Galaxy (See also Skrulls, Super-Skrull, and R'kin)

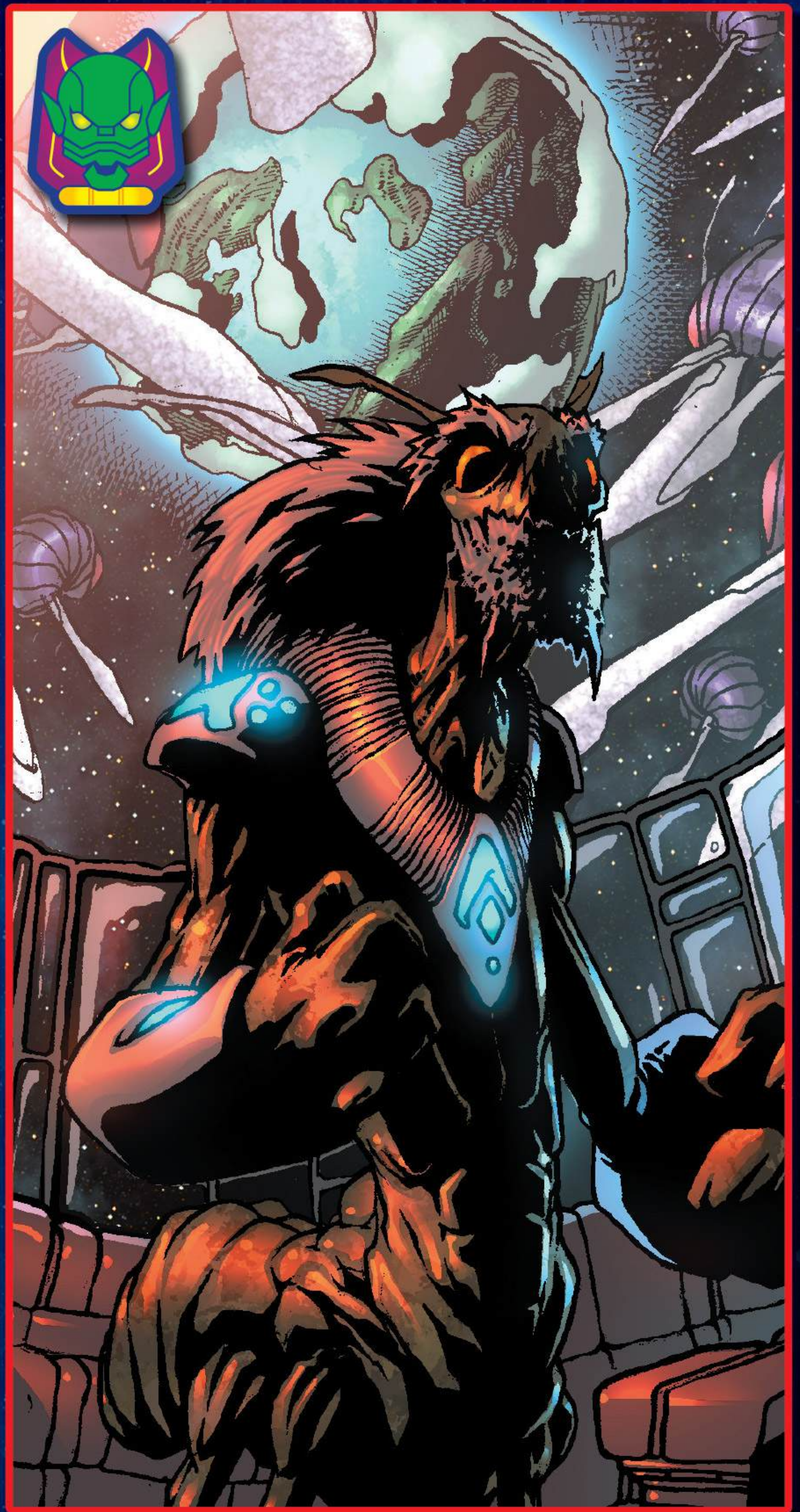
THREAT LEVEL: Local

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Under normal conditions, the Worldmind would prefer that Salo be sentenced for his crimes, if still alive. However, given the current state of war, the Worldmind has deemed execution on sight an acceptable solution by the Nova Corps.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Salo possesses compound eyes that grant him a broad range of sight and a pair of dense, chitinous elytra that form a carapace-like protective shell around his lower abdomen. He is also a highly experienced and cunning military strategist, having originated on the planet Arthros shortly after Annihilus and fighting as a member of Annihilus' insectoid military for decades. He personifies the Annihilation Wave's ideals of cruelty and efficiency.

THE HARVESTER OF SORROWS: Salo commands the Harvester of Sorrows, an organic, hive-like space vessel which serves as one of the most feared weapons in the Annihilation Wave's arsenal. A near-indestructible living organism created by the Negative Zone geneticist Hawal, the Harvester automatically regenerates whenever damaged by enemy fire and possesses many redundant parts that automatically take over vital functions when other parts of the same type are damaged. The slow-moving, massive Harvester is as large as a small planetoid and engulfs other planets in an energy bubble which slowly breaks the planet down into its most basic organic elements. The raw liquid-like residue is then transported into the bowels of the Harvester and used to feed its crew and sustain the Harvester itself. It was widely believed that the Harvester was impervious to conventional weapons and could only be destroyed a potent viral infection. Although Salo has served as the Harvester's only commanding admiral, if he is ever killed another member of the Harvester automatically takes his place.

BACKGROUND: Shortly after the Annihilation Wave first pierced the Crunch cascade and destroyed the Kyn moon array, Admiral Salo was ordered to break formation with Annihilus' flagship in the Annihilation Wave's Control Section and use the Harvester of Sorrows to lead an incursion into the Skrull-dominated Andromeda Galaxy. Within 10 days after Annihilation Day and having only met minimal resistance from the fragmented Skrull Empire, Salo was in the midst of a major incursion into Skrull space, using the Harvester to consume entire planets and causing two entire outlying Skrull star systems to completely drop off the grid. By 41 days after Annihilation Day, Salo's armada had reached Aks'lo, Skrull Star System 004, within the Andromeda Galaxy — a remote Skrull world which once served as a wildlife sanctuary enjoyed by the Skrull Empress and her most trusted advisors. Seeking to use the planet to power the Harvester, Salo deployed Annihilation Wave ground forces to destroy any Skrull anti-aircraft batteries before the Harvester fed. Although the Aks'lo appeared to be deserted, the Annihilation Wave ground forces soon realized they had been ambushed by a defense legion of Skrulls who had shape-shifted into the planet's vegetation. But the Skrulls were vastly outnumbered and, even with the assistance of Super-Skrull (Kl'rt), the Skrulls were soon defeated by the Annihilation Wave. After deploying the Harvester and destroying Aks'lo to repower his forces, Salo set a course for the Skrull Empire's core worlds.



Among the Skrull core worlds that Salo was targeting was Zarags'na, the ancient capital of the Skrull Empire which now served as its cultural capital and which, according to Skrull religion, was the spawning ground of Sl'gur't, the Skrull God of War. But, more importantly, Zarags'na was the home of Sarnogg, the only son of Super-Skrull. As such, Super-Skrull, leading an army of escaped prisoners from the Negative Zone UX-73 prison planetoid, confronted Salo with a virus capable of destroying the Harvester of Sorrows. But the wily Salo had struck a deal with R'kin, a young Skrull mechanic who served as Super-Skrull's ally, offering to pay R'kin a bounty if he delivered Super-Skrull's army to the Annihilation Wave. But, although Salo succeeded in using the Harvester to destroy Zarags'na, Super-Skrull subsequently used his hypnotic powers to free himself from Salo's custody and then promptly killed the admiral before ultimately destroying the Harvester of Sorrows.



SILVER SURFER



SUBJECT: NORRIN RADD, SILVER SURFER

HOME WORLD: Zenn-La (possibly destroyed), Deneb System, Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Accomplice to the destruction of countless planets while serving as a Herald of Galactus; interference with various planetary, interplanetary and interstellar authorities; occasional criminal acts on Earth, sometimes under the influence of outside

agencies such as Psycho Man or Yandroth; under latter's influence, recently participated in the tyrannical Order which tried to subjugate the planet

QUADRANT ACTIVITY: Mobile throughout known universe.

THREAT LEVEL: Usually a benevolent entity, but potentially a universal-level threat

WARNING: Though pacifistic by nature, the Surfer can be extremely violent when provoked.

CONTAINMENT PROCEDURE: Separation of Surfer from his board limits his mobility; otherwise, suggest telepathic assault or energy absorption, as direct physical assaults against him tend to be useless.

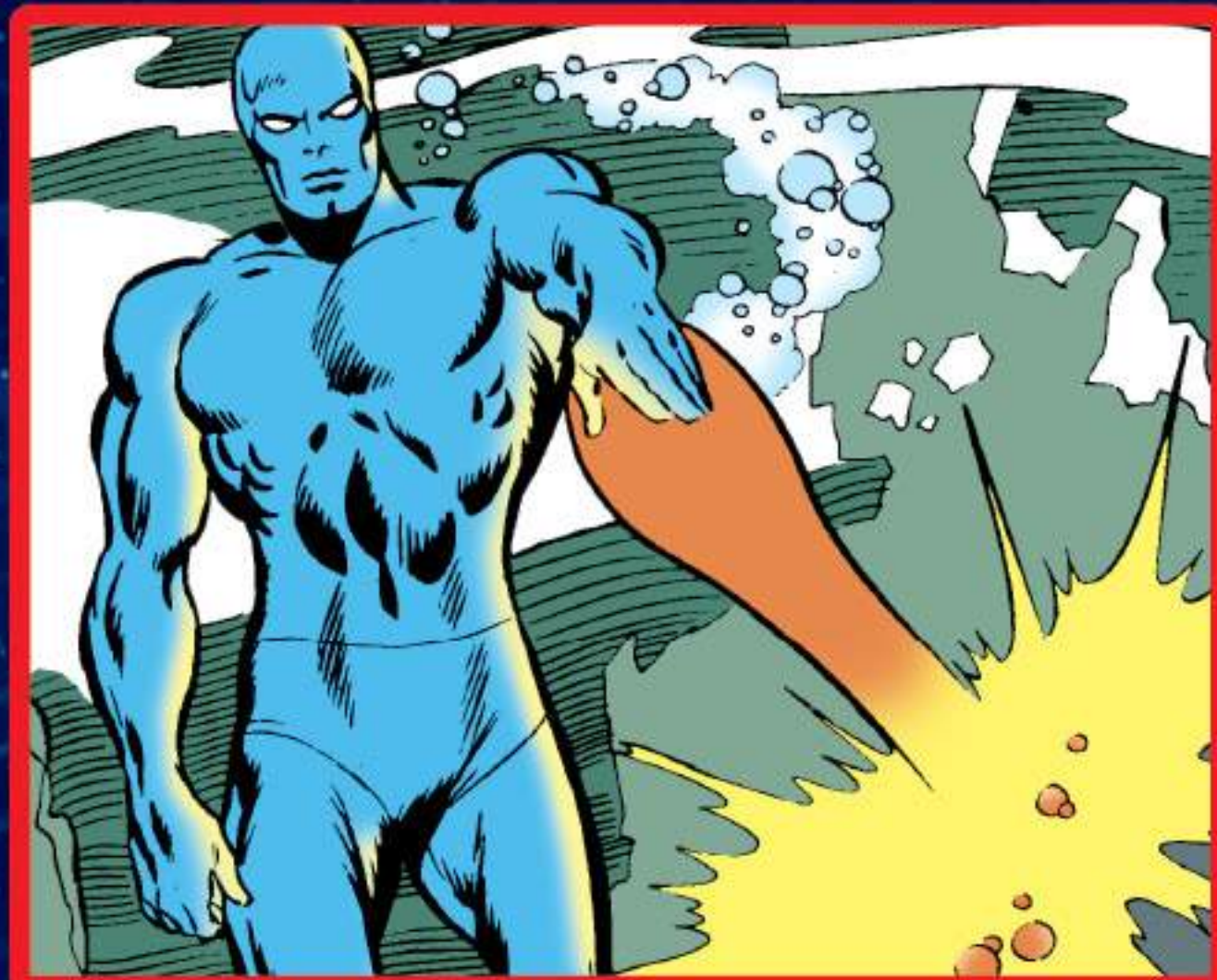
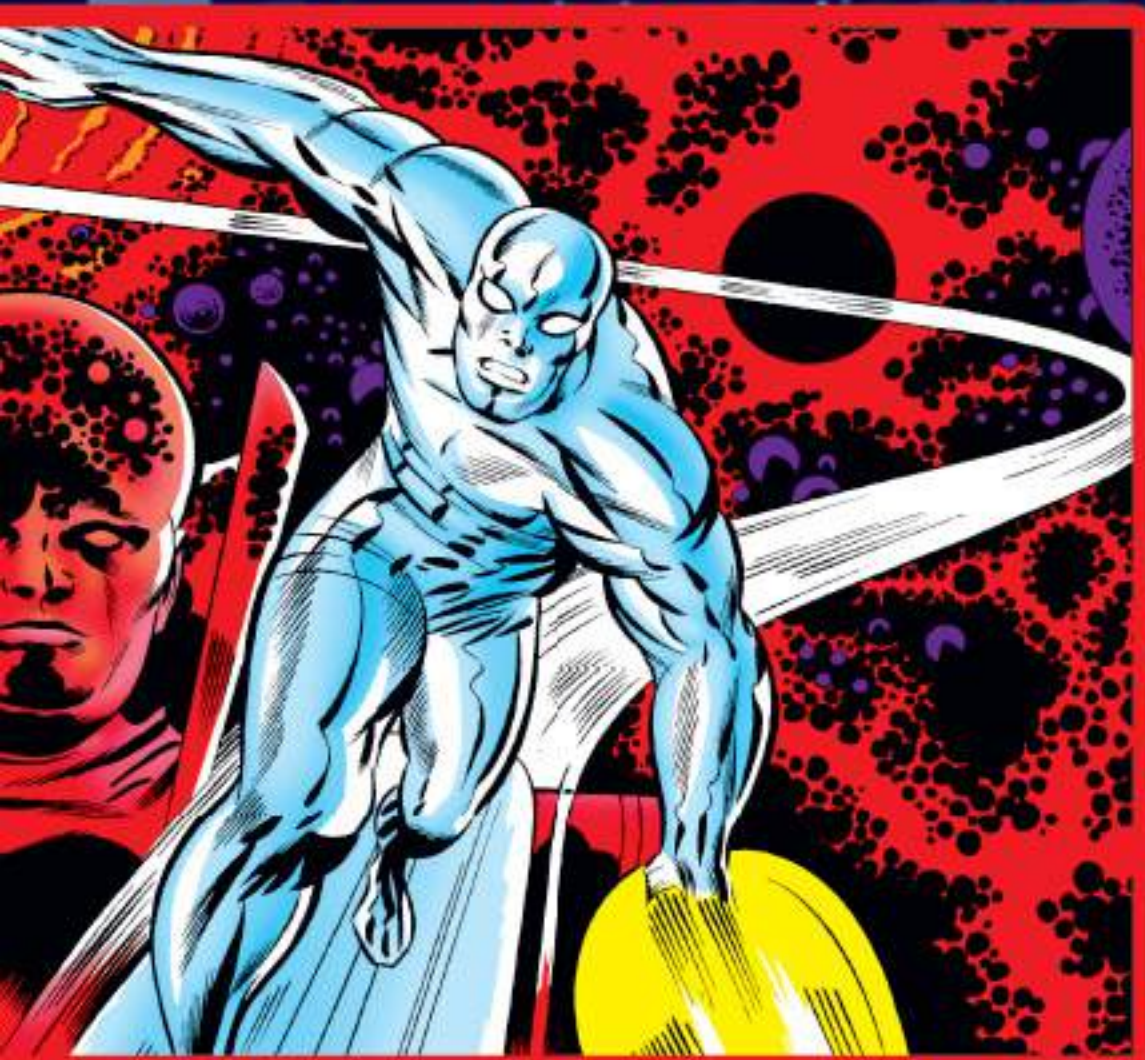
POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

POWERS: The Silver Surfer manipulates near-limitless cosmic energy for applications such as incalculable strength & durability augmentation, space travel, warp-speed flight and navigation, time travel, indefinitely self-sustaining physiology, sensory analysis, matter restructuring & manipulation, transmutation, healing powers (short of raising the dead), size-changing, illusions, energy blasts, energy constructs, gravity manipulation, energy absorption and redirection, phasing through solid matter, telescopic vision, subatomic vision, limited telepathy. His entire body is sheathed in a silvery, impervious metallic coating.

WEAPONS: The Surfer's flying board, composed of the same indestructible silvery material as his skin, moves in response to his thoughts. If it is somehow damaged or destroyed, the Surfer can restore it at will. While he usually rides atop his board, he can also control it remotely if need be.

ASSOCIATES: A former Herald of Galactus, the Surfer has ties with other current and former Heralds, notably his past romance with the late Nova [Frankie Raye, Terran]. During his period of exile on Earth, the Surfer became a longtime ally of that world's Fantastic Four and a recurring member of an informal heroic alliance known as the Defenders. For a time, he was romantically linked to Terran sculptress Alicia Masters. He was also a member of the short-lived alliance of spacefaring adventurers known as the Star Masters. The cosmic adventurer Ardina was created from a fragment of the Surfer's being by his Defenders colleagues.

BACKGROUND: Norrin Radd was a restless scholar on the planet Zenn-La, part of an extremely long-lived humanoid race which had created a technologically advanced but culturally stagnant utopia. When the world-devouring Galactus threatened to consume Zenn-La, Radd offered to serve the invader as his herald, seeking out other worlds for him in exchange for Galactus sparing Zenn-La. Galactus agreed, transforming Radd into the superhuman Silver Surfer. The Surfer served Galactus well for many years and enjoyed exploring space, but their partnership ended when they targeted the planet Earth. Impressed by humanity in general and artist Alicia Masters in particular, the Surfer turned against his master, helping Uatu the Watcher and the Fantastic Four save Earth. Galactus punished the Surfer by trapping him on Earth, erecting an energy barrier around the planet that was uniquely attuned to the Surfer. A global nomad for years, the Surfer sometimes clashed with humanity but more often served as their protector, and became part of the informal heroic group known as the Defenders. Eventually escaping Earth with the aid of the Fantastic Four, the Surfer made peace with Galactus and roamed the universe anew as a cosmic adventurer, with occasional visits to both Earth and Zenn-La (though according to one account, the latter world was secretly destroyed long ago by the mysterious Other, and Galactus had concocted a convincing re-creation of the planet which eventually vanished). As the forces of the Annihilation Wave seek out those with the Power Cosmic, the Silver Surfer has apparently returned to the side of Galactus to serve him in the present crisis.



SUBJECT: SKREET

LOCATION AND STATUS: Born on the planet Pyx, formerly lived on planets Bl'lx and Panto-9, former prisoner in the Kyn's Omega Core. Currently roaming the universe alongside Thanos.

INDICTMENTS: Murder, Theft, Extortiom, Kidnapping, Destruction of property

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe

THREAT LEVEL: Village/City

Skreet was previously an interstellar mercenary in alliance with Lunatik. Since joining forces with Thanos of Titan, her threat has escalated significantly and she remains an unknown quantity. Despite her diminutive size, Skreet is dangerously powerful. She has overpowered a herald of Galactus (see Fallen One) and has even stood up to the Silver Surfer in direct combat.

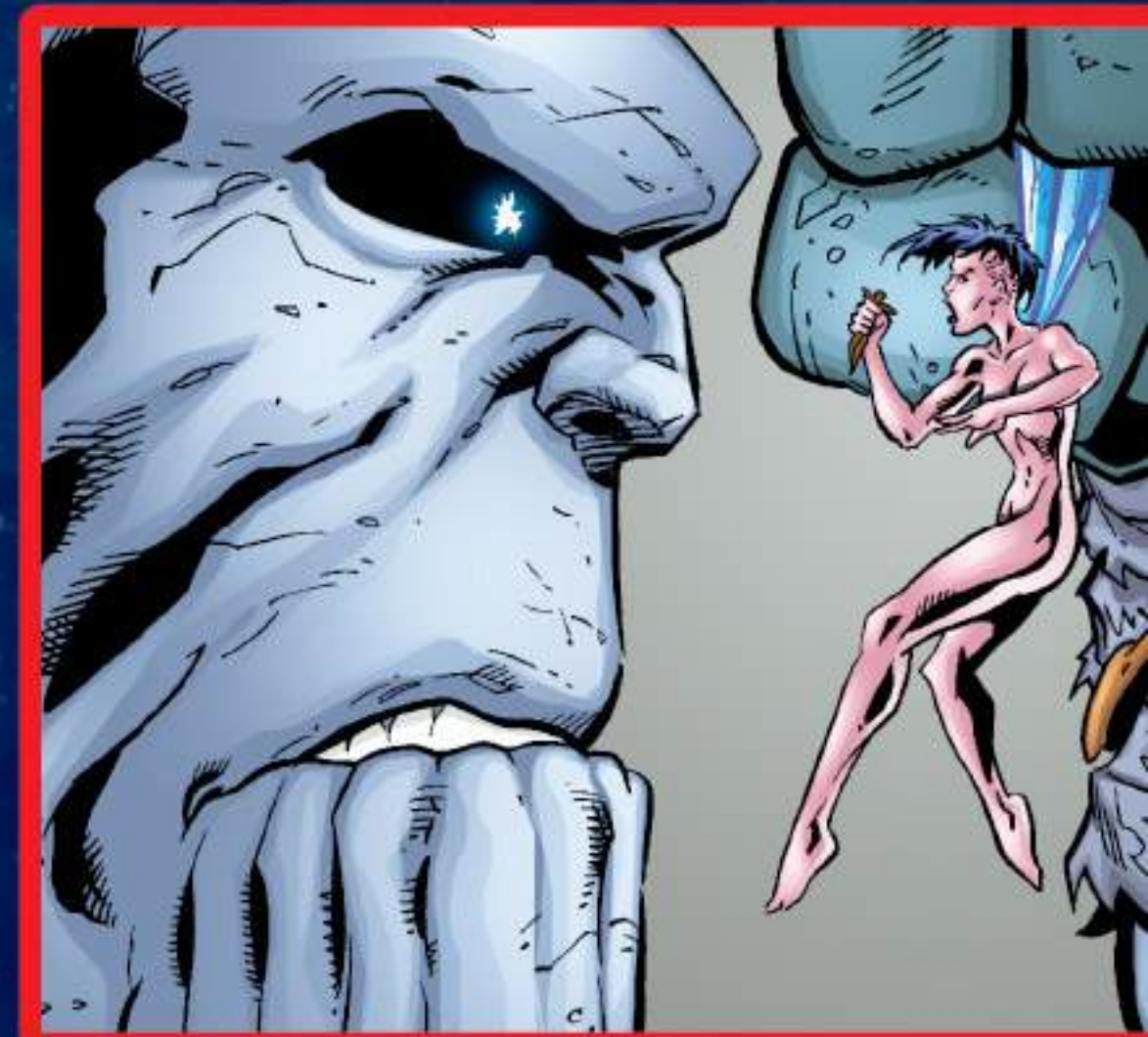
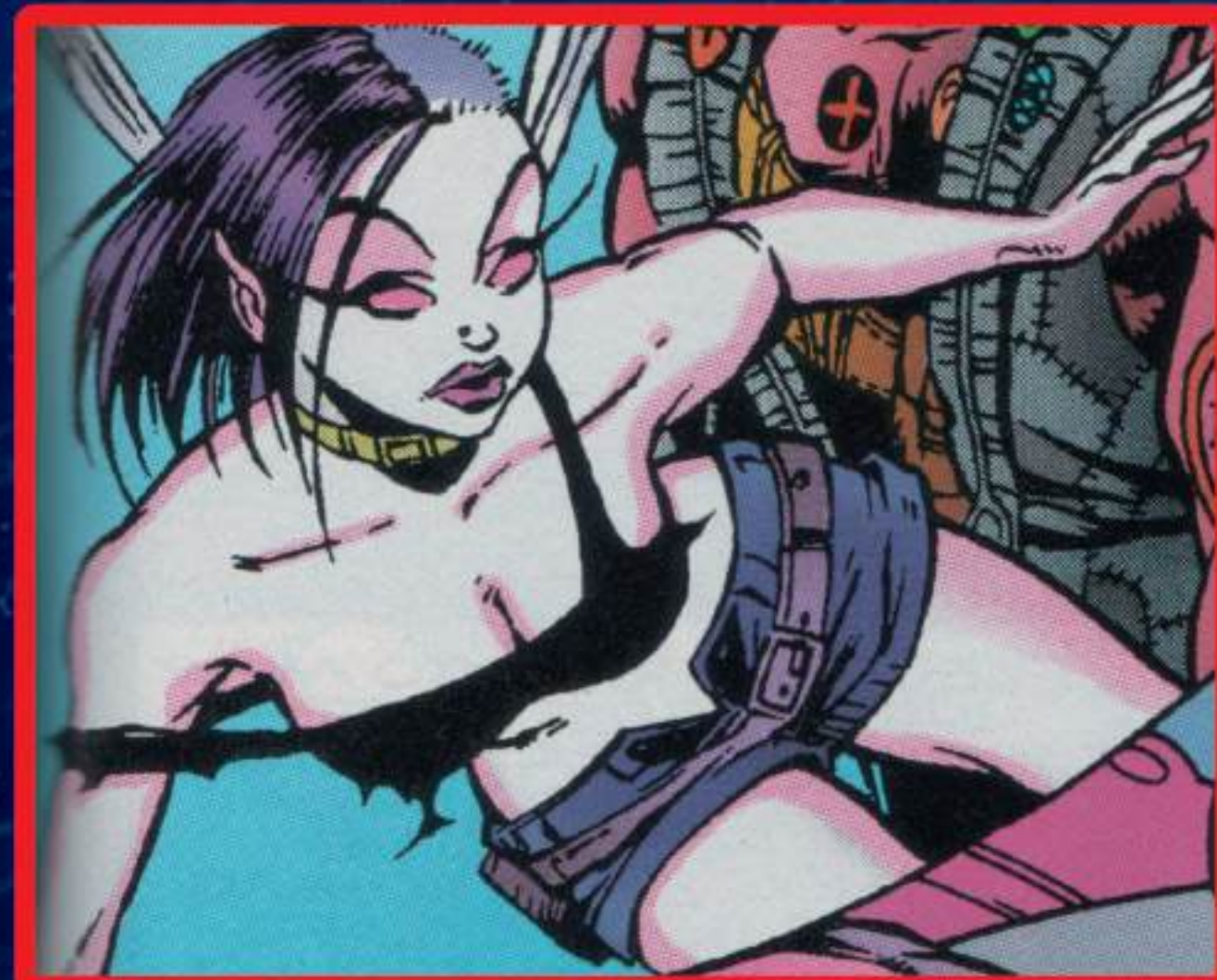
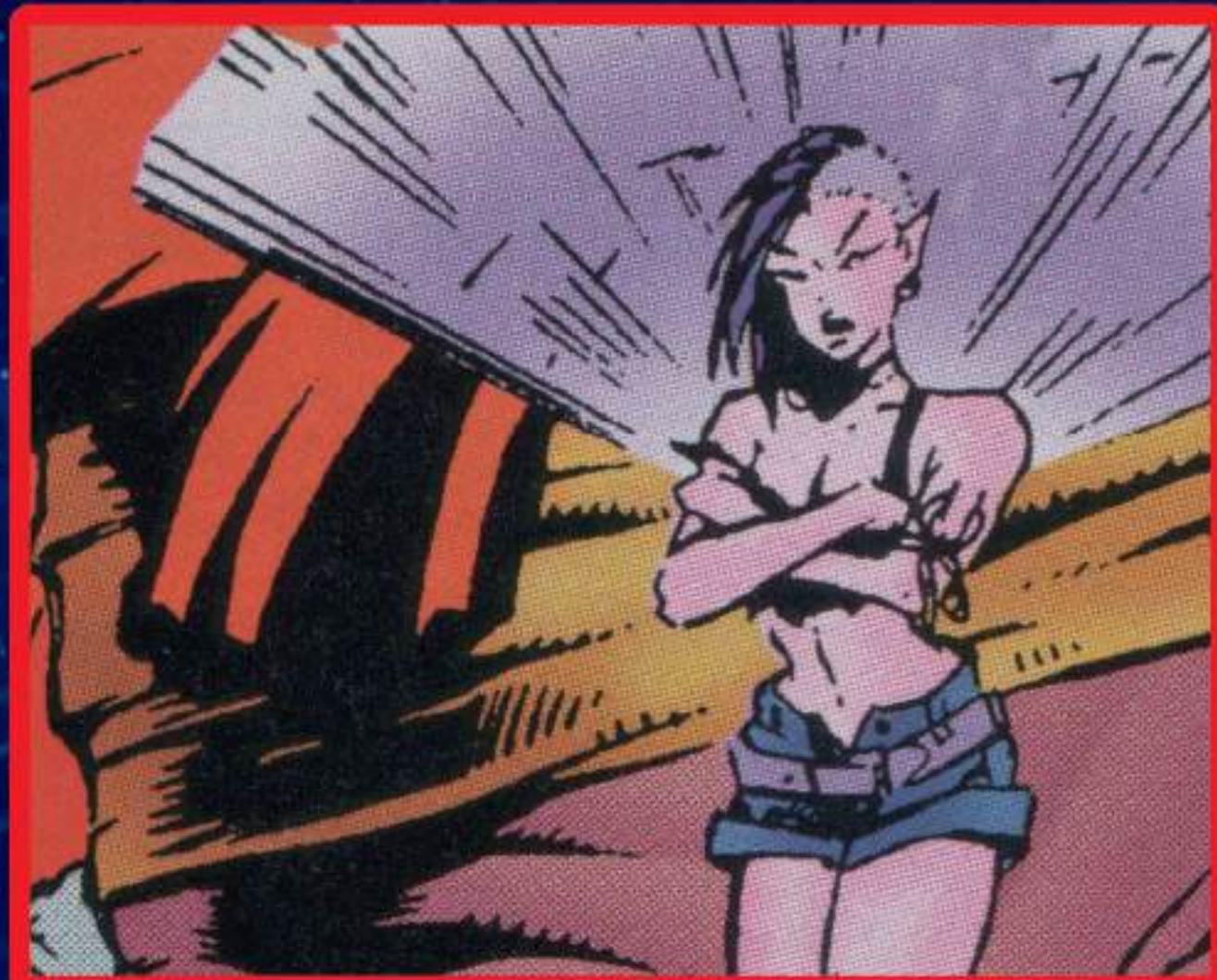
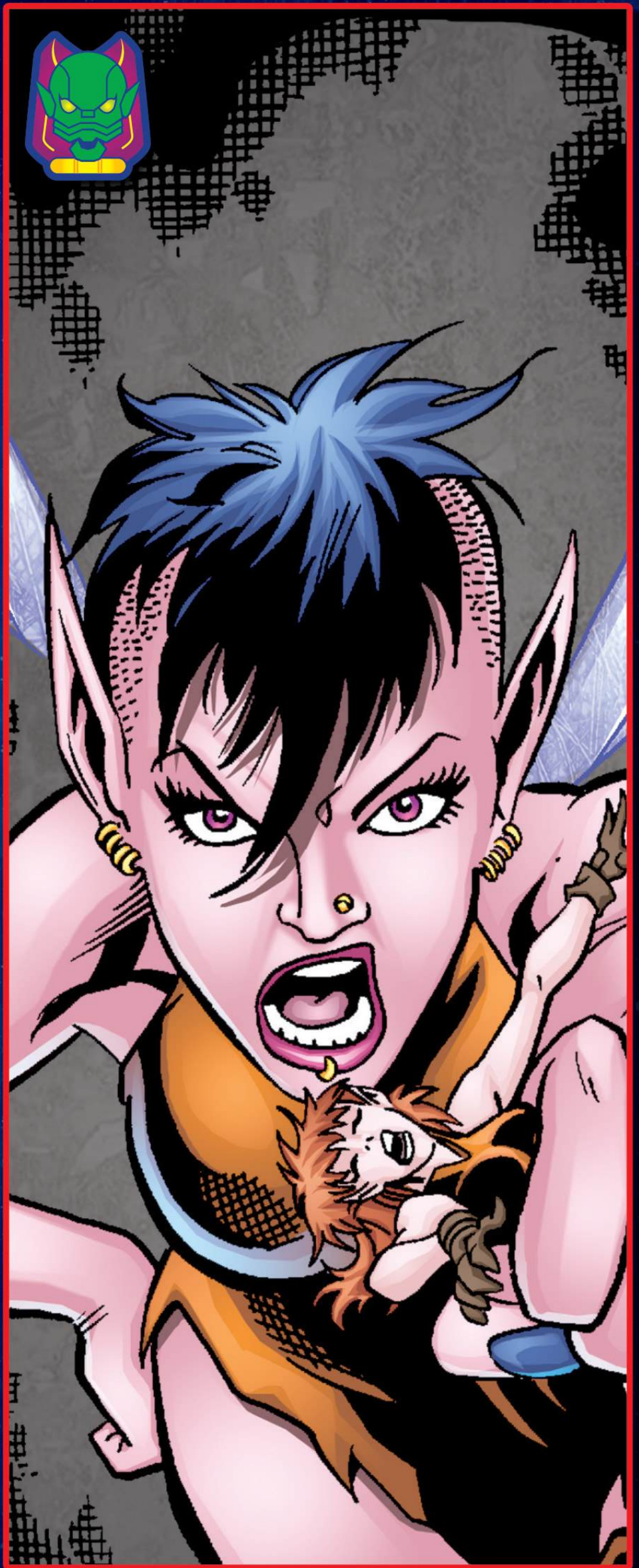
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends capture and imprisonment at a maximum security facility. The Kyn proved effective in the past, so a similar facility would likely do so again in the future.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Skreet is a small winged, virtually indestructible female of great power. She can fly in within an atmosphere via her wings or in space via a natural plasma emission which can accelerate her to an unknown speed level. She can also project plasma as a powerful lethal blast. She can survive without air. She is a fearless and savage combatant.

BACKGROUND: Skreet is a chaos mite, one of the first beings to come into existence after the Big Bang, and is believed to be the only one of her kind to have survived the great purge of her species conducted by Aegis and Tenebrous, who deemed chaos mites to be unstable. Through her millennia of existence, Skreet has witnessed countless pivotal events as the universe has unfolded; her seeming naïve exterior belies a crafty intellect.

Much later she joined forces with Lunatik, the powerful mercenary from Wy'nkar-7, the two serving as a virtually unstoppable pair. One of their more notable jobs involved being sent by the Universal Cosa Nostrum to recover Addictum — a drug created by their own agent Lupal that turned its addicts' blood to napalm when they were deprived it, Skreet and Lunatik tracked Lupal to Begot, an insignificant planet in a little-known system far from developed space, only to learn Lupal had committed suicide upon being confronted by the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian]. Skreet held her own against the Surfer, distracting him until Lunatik could drop him. Skreet and Lunatik determined that Lupal had placed tattoos on a tribe known as the Children, his means of hiding his secret formula, and the two slaughtered the entire tribe to harvest the tattoos to decode the formula. The Surfer recovered and destroyed their formula code, blasting Skreet far enough away to defeat Lunatik and depart. Shortly thereafter they purchased a condo on planet Bl'lx and she won Lunatik his interstellar Drog sled in a poker game. Thereafter they flew to Earth, slew another Lunatik (a fragment of Other Realm's Arisen Tyrk), and assaulted the Avengers, overpowering Giant-Man [Henry Pym, Terran] when he mistook her for his ex-wife, the Wasp [Terran]. Their last recorded job together was when she took a contract from the Interstel Church of Perpetual Annoyance's Lady Fynn-geres, culminating in Lunatik's becoming the ICPA's pope after defeating their foe Ictus the She-Wolf.

Sometime later, Lunatik betrayed Skreet, refusing to share their earnings and instead turning her over to the authorities (possibly Peter Quill), who imprisoned her in a creche in the Kyn where she was plagued by the maddened dreams of the Maker [re: Beyonder]. When the Maker's power freed them both, Skreet joined the visiting Thanos [Titan] in defeating both the Maker and the Fallen One, another Kyn escapee. Skreet has stayed at Thanos' side ever since, serving as a dangerous pet, and voicing her disapproval of his making the Fallen One his Herald and of his alliance with Annihilus.



SPIRIT



SUBJECT: SPIRIT (Real Name: Xira)

LOCATION AND STATUS: Formerly the planet Luphom, a temple on the planet Glutam, and mobile throughout the universe. Currently active on Godthab Omega

INDICTMENTS: Conquest, Tyranny

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Godthab Omega

THREAT LEVEL: Village/city

As a member of Gamora's Graces, Spirit perpetuated the conquest of Godthab Omega, though her primary goal remains her own death, though only at the hands of a worthy being.

CONTAINMENT / REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Spirit has apparently perished and is not considered an active threat. Should she revive, she would likely willingly submit to termination at the hands of a "worthy," source, such as Thanos, Death Metal, etc.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Spirit is superhumanly swift, agile, durable, and strong, and a highly skilled warrior. She can fire powerful energy blasts, which she usually focuses through her staff.

WEAPONS: Spirit's staff serves to focus her blasts and can be used as a blunt or sharp weapon.

BACKGROUND: Spirit is a Luphomid, one of the few off-planet that survived Galactus' consumption of Luphom. She is the sister of Zorr, the shatterer of Xandar and believed by some to be the father of Nebula [Luphomid] who is believed to be descended from Thanos of Titan though specifics remain uncertain. Inspired by Thanos, Spirit became obsessed with Death: She seeks her own death, though only at the hands of someone worthy, such as an actual avatar of Death. For unknown reasons, her own avatar of death either is identical to or actually is Death Metal, the third of the Minion series cyborgs created in the alternate future timeline on Earth-8410, including Death Wreck and Death's Head, each of whom had a number of adventures across time, space, and dimensions. Partially constructed from the metal Promethium — derived from spawn of the genocidal Charnel of Earth-9939 — Death Metal constantly struggled to keep his own bloodlust under control.

During his adventures in this universe (Reality-616) Death Metal arrived on the planet Glutam seeking peace and solitude, only to be attacked by the Psycho-Warriors of the Techno-Wizards of Mys-Tech who sought to claim Death Metal as a weapon of their own. Observing the object of her worship in battle, Spirit joined the fight, finishing off the last of the Psycho-Warriors and then kneeling before Death Metal in hopes that he would slay her. Annoyed, Death Metal teleported away, but Spirit leapt through his teleportal, following him to the planet Gnap. There Death Metal was assaulted by Brassknuckles, a warrior created and employed by unidentified sources, who sought to end his own existence by goading Death Metal into killing him. Fearful that Brassknuckles might kill her death avatar, Spirit skewered Brassknuckles with her staff, though even that failed to kill him. Death Metal manipulated the Techno-Wizards themselves into using sufficient force to destroy him, but at the last second reintegrated himself upon learning that they planned to exterminate the innocents of the mining colony of Xcydrin. Death Metal recruited Spirit and Brassknuckles in saving the colony, and they stayed by his side for a number of adventures, with Spirit hoping that either Death Metal would reward her by killing her, or that she would die at the hands of another worthy being in the process.

Separating from Death Metal and Brassknuckles under unspecified circumstances, Spirit was later drawn to Godthab Omega to serve as one of Gamora's Graces as they conquered the planet. As the Annihilation Wave hit, Spirit was slain, and it is believed that she would have found Annihilus to be a worthy death avatar.



SUBJECT: STARDUST

LOCATION AND STATUS: Mobile throughout the universe; planet of origin unknown

INDICTMENTS: Promoting genocide

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe

THREAT LEVEL: Universal

As Galactus' herald, Stardust not only facilitates Galactus' devouring of planets with sentient populations, but Stardust tracks down and slaughters any who escape this destruction as well as destroying all evidence of their civilization.

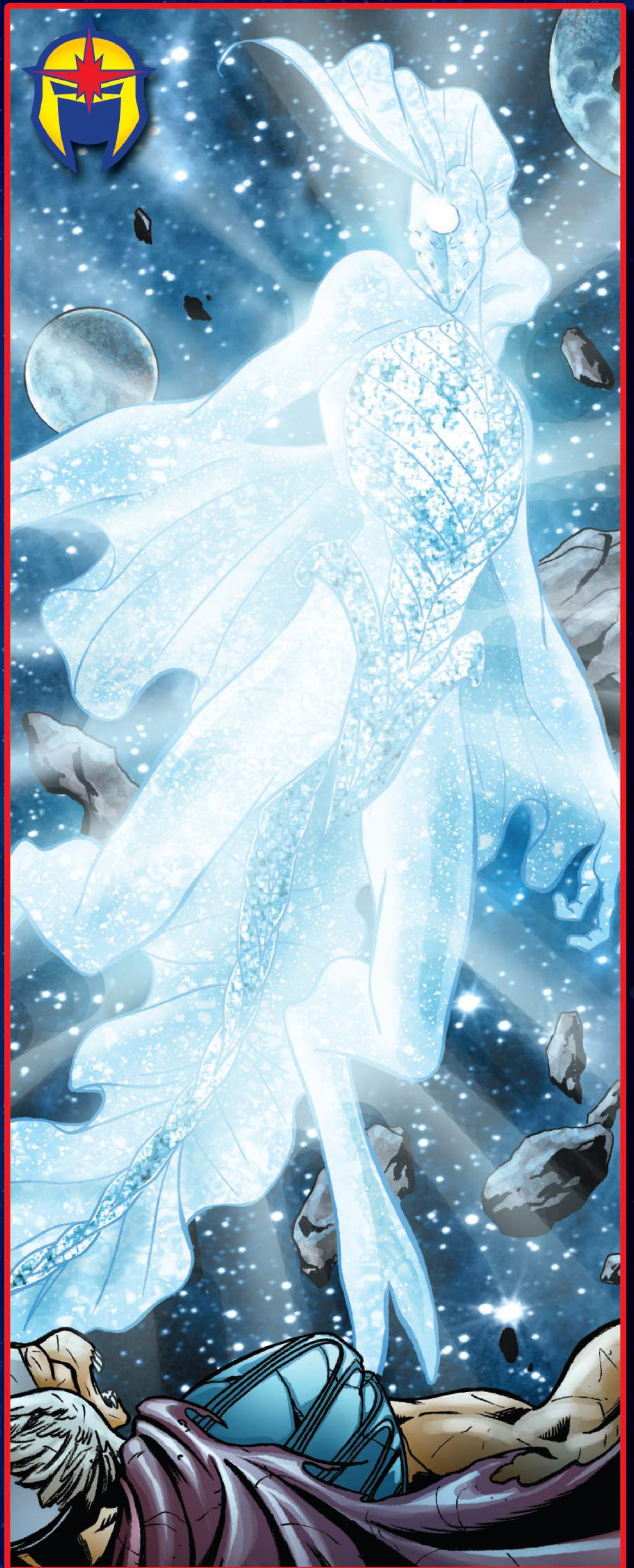
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: The Worldmind recommends capture, or possibly termination. Stardust must be punished for assisting the world devourer, though Stardust's energy form renders destruction highly difficult. Stardust has survived entry into a black hole, as well as planetary explosions.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Stardust appears to be composed of cosmic energy. Though able to be struck, pained, and even torn to pieces, Stardust can reform at will. It is unknown whether Stardust can truly be destroyed. Stardust can project devastating eye and hand-blasts, open dimensional portals, create black holes, survive unaided in the vacuum of space, and does not need air, food, water, etc. Stardust is immune to aging and conventional disease.

WEAPONS: Stardust sometimes focuses her energy blasts through a staff with an axe-like blade at one end and a curved spear at the other

BACKGROUND: Little is known of Stardust before becoming the herald of Galactus. Stardust claims to be a cosmic being, to have seen the creation and destruction of worlds, and to have "seen the face of god and torn off his mask." Stardust succeeded Jonathan Storm [Terran] as herald to Galactus, serving him with a nigh-religious fervor extending to a desire to utterly obliterate all evidence of any being that opposed Galactus in any form. Stardust led Galactus to devour New Korbin, home to the Korbinites that had survived near genocide at the hands of the Axi-Tun. When the Korbinite warrior Beta Ray Bill attempted to drive off Galactus, the world devourer summoned Stardust to slay him, though Bill survived. Stardust further pursued and slaughtered the remainder of the Korbinite fleet, as well as retrieving the Korbinite construct Alpha Ray and delivering it to Galactus. Stardust then located anew Beta Ray Bill, threatening to destroy the Meta-Orb that contained the souls of the last remaining Korbinites. Bill preserved the Meta-Orb and attacked Stardust savagely, destroying her form. Stardust swiftly re-formed and fought back, the battle escalating until Stardust opened a portal into a hellish realm, intending to banish Bill to that realm. Instead, Bill severed the tendril that extended from that realm. Too late, Stardust shut the portal, but the tendril swiftly coalesced into the form of the demon Asteroth. Stardust forced Bill to realize that Asteroth would rapidly grow and power and destroy the entire universe, and Bill reluctantly joined forces with Stardust against the demon. When Asteroth survived a planetary explosion, Stardust opened a black hole to slay the demon. Asteroth redirected the gravity well back at Stardust and Bill, who were pulled into the demon's grasp. As they struggled against Asteroth, Alpha Ray, imbued with the power cosmic by Galactus and sent to aid Stardust, smashed into the demon, sending itself, Asteroth, and Stardust into the black hole, which closed; Beta Ray Bill was knocked to safety by the impact.

Stardust eventually returned to Galactus' service, but when the Annihilation Wave struck, Galactus sent Stardust to join the remaining former heralds — Firelord [Xandarian] and Red Shift — in opposing Annihilus' Seekers, while sending the Surfer to Galactus' side. Stardust remains as a vital line of defense in the resistance's battle against the Annihilation Wave.



STAR-LORD (QUILL)



SUBJECT: STAR-LORD (Peter Quill)

LOCATION AND STATUS: Mobile, serving with Richard Rider's forces as his aide-de-camp

INDICTMENTS: Over 350,000 counts of murder

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy

THREAT LEVEL: Local. Star-Lord is a haunted but not evil man, and used to try to avoid killing. However Star-Lord did manage to subdue one of Galactus' most powerful Heralds, at the cost of considerable collateral damage, so his potential for becoming a more serious threat should not be underestimated.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: In spite of his crimes, Quill appears to be a principled individual, punished for a terrible mistake. As he has enlisted as our ally against the Annihilation Wave, containment is not required.

NATURAL ABILITIES: Star-Lord can fly and is able to survive unprotected in open space. He heals at an accelerated rate, and can generate personal force shields. He has shown himself to be a proficient combatant and marksman, skilled with in armed and unarmed fighting. His cybernetic left eye permits him to see across a wide range of the energy spectrum, and a memory chip implanted in his brain allows for perfect recall. He formerly traveled in a powerful Ship, allegedly one of many forms assumed by a sentient star allied to him. He also used to possess an Element Gun, capable of firing earth, air, fire or water as he desired.

BACKGROUND: Peter Quill, formerly known as Star-Lord, is the hybrid offspring of a Terran mother and Spartoi father, Prince Jason of Kritnah, the result of a brief relationship during a time when his father had crashed on Earth. Always fascinated by the stars, Peter's interest became an obsession when assassins sent by his father's enemies slew his mother. Peter joined Earth's space program, eventually being stationed on the Space Station Eve, from where the enigmatic Master of the Sun plucked him, transformed him into the Star-Lord and gave him the sentient known as Ship as his companion and transport. Learning that his uncle Gareth had arranged the assassins who slew his mother, and that he was now plotting to usurp his father, now the Spartan Emperor, Peter traveled to Sparta, where he was reunited with his father and killed his uncle. Jason asked him to stay, but Peter declined to become his heir, preferring the freedom of space. He wandered the stars aimlessly, fighting Lorq starfighters, saving the planet Cymoril from the Haalmhad homeship, witnessing the revolution of the Beastmen of Redstone, and encountering the sentient planet Symbion. About 12 years ago, Star-Lord and Ship were separated while escaping the pull of a black hole; reports suggest Ship has chosen another partner from the Probiti to be a temporary Starlord while they hunt for Quill, but that Quill himself does not wish for Ship to find him, as after their separation, he caused the deaths of over 350,000 people while subduing the former Herald of Galactus known as the Fallen One. Plagued by guilt, he allowed himself to be sent to the Kynl interstellar prison, where he subsequently aided Thanos [Titan] and the Shi'ar Gladiator against the Maker [re: Beyonder]. Gladiator remanded Quill into his custody and drafted him into the Shi'ar Imperial Guard, where he helped plan strategies to deal with the threat Thanos posed. Quill recently left the Guard, signing up with Nova Corps operative 11249-44396 [Richard Rider of Earth]'s anti-Annihilation Wave forces shortly after the Tartus Minor incident, and has become Rider's main aide and adviser, still trying to make up for his terrible mistake.



SUBJECT: STELLARIS (alias Leah Princess)

HOME WORLD: Unknown, said to be destroyed by Celestials

INDICTMENTS: Murder of the artificial being known as the Replicoid; attempted murder of Hercules and the Celestials; assault on New Wundagore; helped subjugate Goldthab Omega as part of Gamora's Graces.

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Mobile throughout universe, based for a time in Milky Way Galaxy

THREAT LEVEL: Planetary

WARNING: Stellaris sometimes affects a crude, primitive manner, but is actually highly intelligent as well as extremely powerful, and should not be underestimated. She revels in battle and has little regard for sentient life. Becomes fanatically vindictive if she feels she has been wronged (her frequent battle cry: "Revenge is all!").

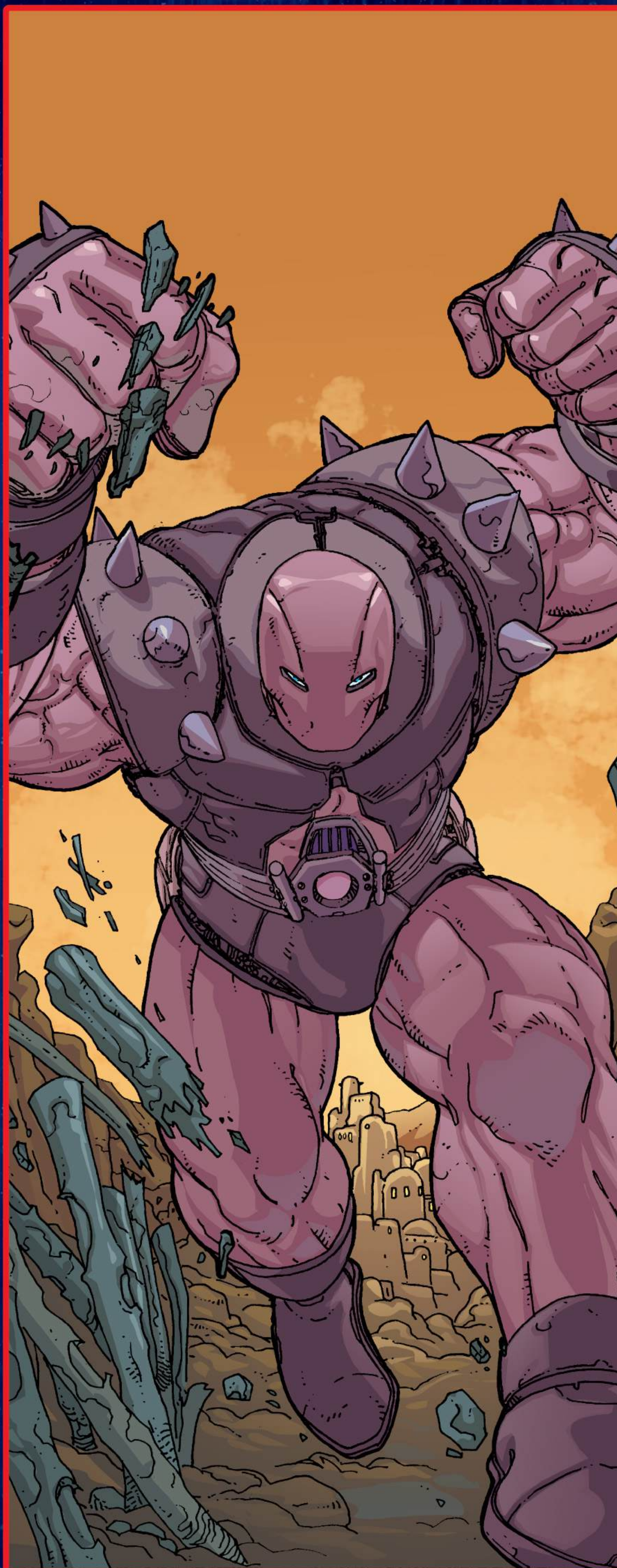
CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Stellaris is unusually vulnerable to mental assaults and seems emotionally unstable. She showed altruistic tendencies during her association with the hero Thunderstrike, and might perhaps reform with the proper guidance.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS:

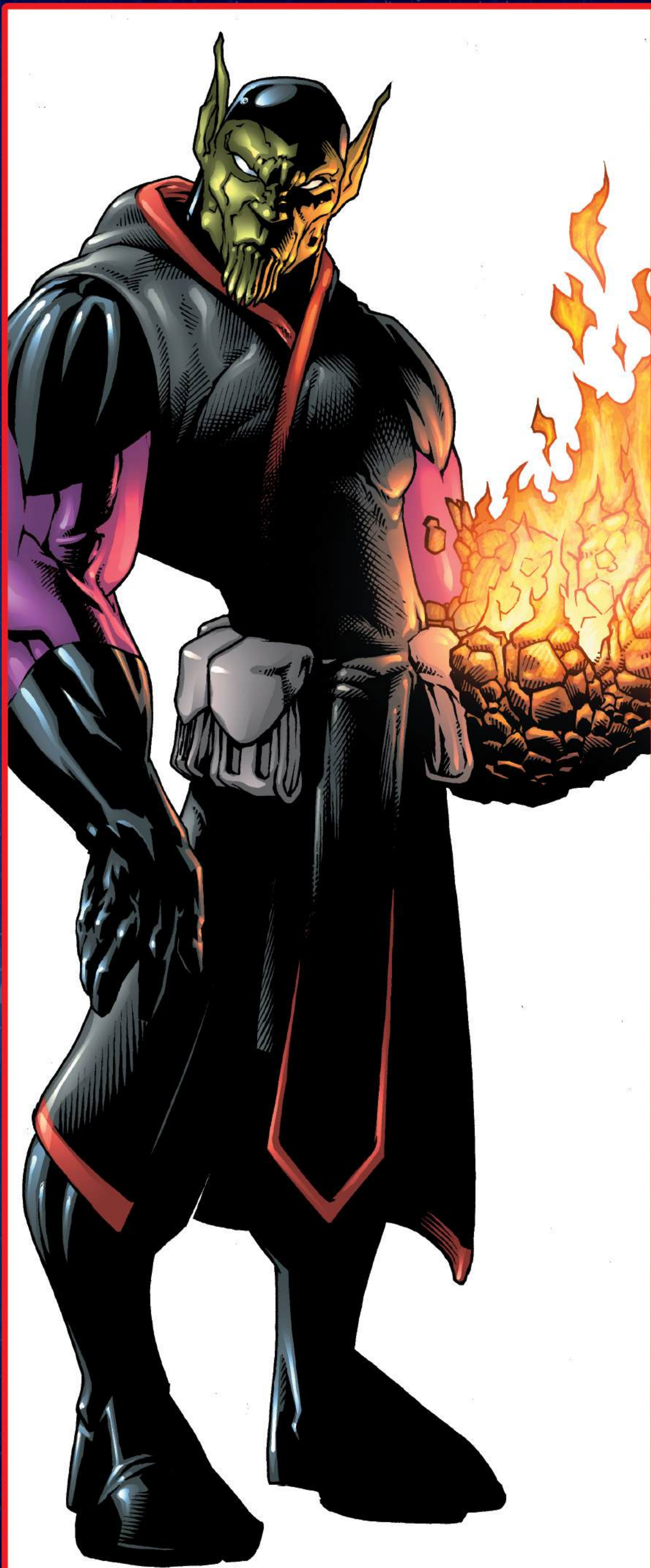
ABILITIES/WEAPONS: Stellaris is constantly encased in "living armor" which may or may not be part of her body, as there are indications she is an inorganic being. Her armor transforms in response to her thoughts, changing its size and configuration as needed, and can assume shapes ranging from conventional clothing to massive vehicular forms. Her armor grants her tremendous superhuman strength and durability, high-speed flight (warp speed in outer space), and the ability to form weapons attachments such as heat blasters, sonic shatter pistols and fireball launchers. Her armor's internal sensors can penetrate illusions, serve as targeting systems, scan subjects at great distances, and perform more in-depth scans such as genetics profiles at close range. She can magnetize the armor at will, and is able to tap into external computers. She usually flies using powerful boots jets, which can also be used as weapons. Her armor supposedly contains a failsafe device which, if activated, produces a "cosmic flash" sufficient to wipe out entire planet. She is an extremely formidable unarmed combatant.

MINIONS AND ASSOCIATES: Stellaris has been both an enemy and an ally to the Asgardian thunder god Thor and Olympian demigod Hercules, and was briefly partnered with the High Evolutionary's creation Nobilus. She became close to Earthly adventurer Thunderstrike. More recently, she has served with Gamora's Graces.

BACKGROUND: Spacefaring warrior Stellaris first came to prominence while waging an obsessive vendetta against the enigmatic cosmic beings known as the Celestials (she initially claimed they had destroyed her world and slaughtered her people, though she later said she was an amnesiac who remembered little or nothing of her past life). Her anti-Celestial campaign brought her to Earth, where she destroyed the Celestials' agent Replicoid despite the interference of Thor and the Avengers. She also attacked Hercules, having sensed his recent contact with the Celestials as well. Later, while raiding the High Evolutionary's [Terran] New Wundagore starship in search of weapons or information that could aid her quest, Stellaris freed the Evolutionary's captive creation Nobilus, who served briefly as her accomplice. Shortly thereafter, Stellaris attacked a gathering of Celestials who were apparently in the midst of creating a new Celestial, but the huge explosion caused by her attack actually seemed to aid in the new Celestial's birth; the Celestials departed unharmed, though Stellaris and the surrounding Bio-verse were seemingly destroyed. Surviving and regenerating, she followed Thor back to Earth and became a close friend and ally to his associate Thunderstrike [Terran] before returning to space. Most recently, she was among the cosmic warrior women who conquered Goldthab Omega under Gamora's [Zen Whoberi] leadership as Gamora's Graces, but was defeated by Ronan the Accuser [Kree].



KL'RT THE SUPER-SKRULL



SUBJECT: KL'RT, THE SUPER-SKRULL

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Tarnax IV (now destroyed) of the Skrull Empire, planet in the Tarnax System of the Andromeda Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Crimes against the Peace, Murder, War Crimes (pending further investigation)

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy, Milky Way (See Fantastic Four, Earth), The Greater Magellanic Cloud (see Kree-Skrull War)

THREAT LEVEL: None; subject has been terminated

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Natural ability of shapeshifting. Scientifically augmented to possess the powers and abilities of the Fantastic Four of Earth including: the Super-strength and rocky arm of The Thing; the flight and pyrokinesis abilities of the Human Torch; the invisibility and force field of the Invisible Woman; and the elasticity of Mister Fantastic. The Super-Skrull has also, at times, displayed hypnotic abilities. Has commanded legions of loyal soldiers; recent allies known to include Praxagora, Preak and R'Kin.

BACKGROUND: The Super-Skrull was created by the Skrull Emperor Dorrek in order to avenge the Skrull Empire's defeat at the hands of the Terran Fantastic Four during an attempted invasion of Earth. The powers of the Fantastic Four were bestowed upon Kl'rt by the greatest scientists of the Skrull Empire, granting him even greater power than any of the four, as well as the ability of hypnosis to give him an edge. Despite these advantages, the Super-Skrull was never able to win a decisive victory over the Fantastic Four and was looked upon as a failure by the Skrull Empire. Regardless, the success of the Super-Skrull's abilities in the field led to the creation of similar superhuman Skrulls including Xavin, prince of Tarnax VII; Paibok, the Power-Skrull; the rogue war-monger Titannus; and "Ethan Edwards," a Skrullian expatriate living on Earth.

The Super-Skrull's familiarity with Earth made him a favored operative for prestigious missions, including the Kree-Skrull War, during which he successfully captured the Kree's Captain Mar-Vell for his emperor. As a rogue operative he once served Thanos, the mad Titan.

During a period when the Super-Skrull was believed deceased, Galactus devoured the Skrull Throneworld. Following this great tragedy, Skrulls everywhere were robbed of their ability to shapeshift. When the Super-Skrull eventually reappeared, he still possessed this lost Skrullian ability. On his return to the Skrull Empire, Super-Skrull joined forces with S'Byll, the new empress. She used his DNA to restore the abilities of the other Skrulls. For a time the Super-Skrull was a hero again and S'Byll's consort. With his help, S'Byll ascended to the status of Empress of the Skrull Empire, but he fell out of her favor when his personal vendetta against the pirate captain Reptyl (a one-time ally of the Skrulls) led to him attempting to kill Reptyl.

Acting against orders, the Super-Skrull recently led a rogue mission into the Negative Zone with fellow Skrull R'Kin, attempting to thwart the Annihilation Wave from activating a weapon called the Harvester of Sorrow, which was intended to destroy Zaragz'na, the planet where Kl'rt's son Sarnogg lived. Although the betrayal of R'Kin cost resulted in the planet's destruction, the Super-Skrull destroyed the Harvester of Sorrow, losing his own life in the process. As the Skrull Empire faces the Annihilation Wave, possibly the greatest threat in all its thousands of years of existence, the name of Kl'rt is one they honor as a hero.



TALOS THE UNTAMED



SUBJECT: TALOS THE UNTAMED

HOME WORLD: Tarnax IV (now destroyed) of the Skrull Empire, Tarnax System, Andromeda Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: As Skrull warrior, murder and warfare for governmental purposes

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Andromeda Galaxy, Milky Way

THREAT LEVEL: Local

WARNING: Skrull warrior, leader of contingent of Skrull warriors, once humbled Earth's Hulk in battle

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Capture, containment on prison planet

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Talos is unable to shape-shift like other Skrulls due to a birth defect. As a cyborg, Talos possesses enhanced strength and resilience. Talos has been known to wield a large battle axe.

BACKGROUND: Born without the ability to shape-shift like other Skrulls, Talos became a savage fighter and a decorated military commander. With cyborg parts and

enhanced strength, Talos developed a reputation as a most feared and esteemed warrior and became known as "Talos the Untamed." Following his capture by the Kree during the Kree/Skrull War, Talos failed to comply with Skrull guidelines to commit suicide when captured. After his release, he was shamed and ridiculed, and was called "Talos the Tamed" instead, reflecting his weakness. The Skrull empress offered Talos the opportunity to redeem himself by committing suicide, but Talos refused, wanting to die in battle.

Due to a fluke, Talos attended a civil ceremony on Earth where he briefly battled a Kree warrior. After the ceremony, Talos came in contact with the Incredible Hulk, an incredibly strong Terran famed for being Earth's most powerful hero. Talos instigated a fight with the Hulk while several Skrull warriors, in an orbiting shift, cheered for Talos's defeat. Talos battled the Hulk, using his strength and a powerful battle axe. The battle ended with the Hulk begging for his life. Talos, disgusted, returned to his ship with his fellow Skrulls newly loyal to him.

Recently, Talos was captured by Glorian [Terran], the supremely powerful protégé of the Shaper of Worlds, alongside Devos the Devastator. After their release, Talos and Devos aided Ronan the Accuser [Kree] in rescuing others from Glorian.



TERRAX THE TAMER



SUBJECT: TERRAX THE TAMER, formerly Tyros

HOME WORLD: Birj, Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Accomplice to the destruction of countless planets while serving as a Herald of Galactus

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Milky Way, Andromeda

THREAT LEVEL: Universal (expanded) Terrax is a category 1 threat due to his possession of the Power Cosmic and selfish use of same power

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: While some cultures believe Galactus' destruction of whole worlds and the role of his Heralds to be a part of the natural order, the Nova Corps does not. The Worldmind has deemed Terrax to be apprehended or destroyed by any means necessary.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Imbued with the Power Cosmic Terrax can gather, channel, and manipulate large quantities of Cosmic Energy. He channels his power through his axe. Terrax's flexible rock-like shell makes him impervious to heat and cold, and he does not require food or oxygen, enabling him to exist within the vacuum of space indefinitely.

Terrax uses his Power Cosmic to control rock and earth, usually traveling through space by levitating himself upon asteroids. He can attain warp speed while traveling in this way. Terrax can take control of rock and earth within 100 miles, making him most dangerous while planetbound. He has proved able to lift entire islands under his power.

AXE: Terrax's axe can channel his cosmic energy into destructive beams of energy and generate a personal force field. When charged with energy, the axe's blade can cut through virtually any known substance. One version of his axe could also split into a pair of laser weapons. He also briefly wielded the axe of fellow Herald Morg [Caranorian].

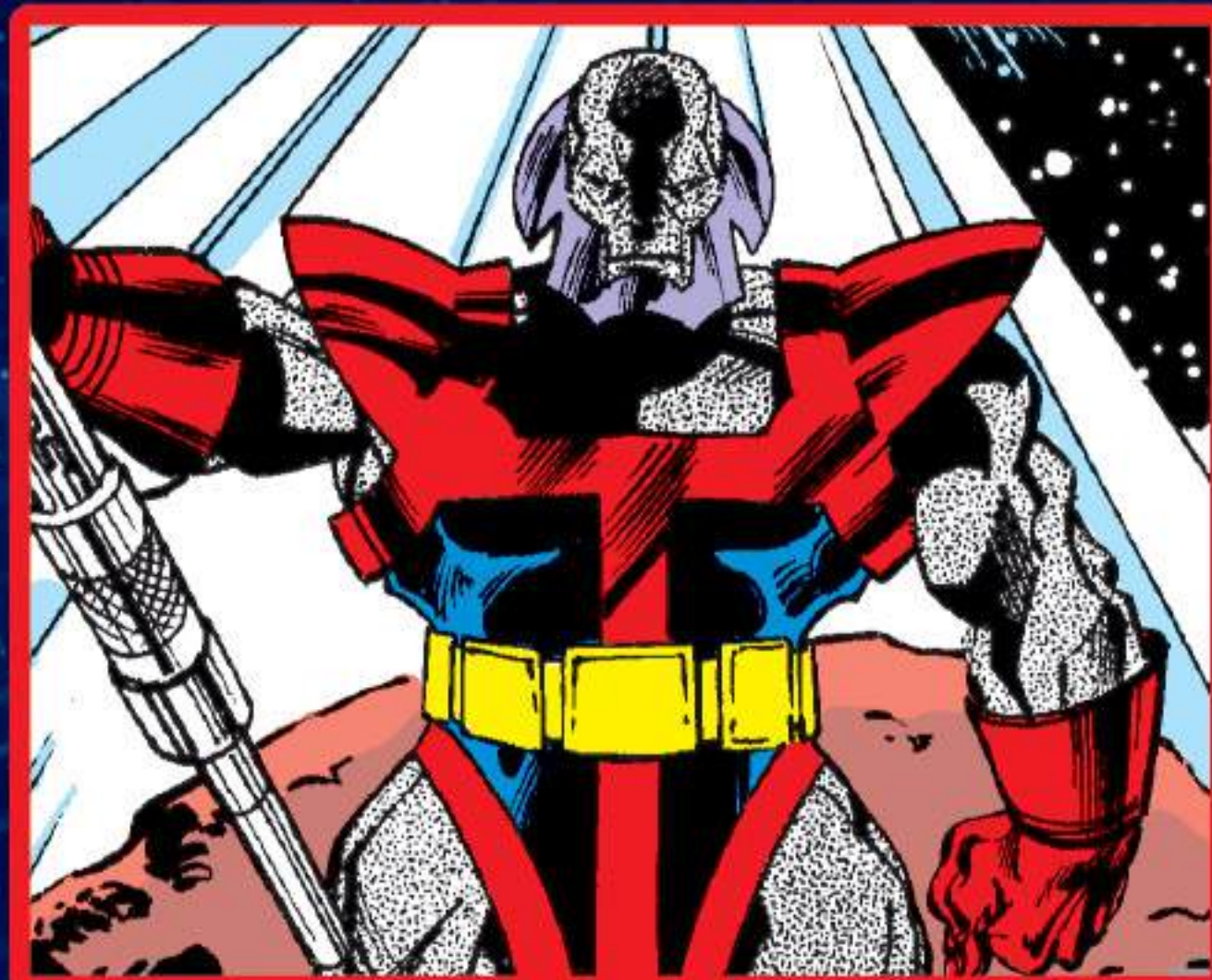
BACKGROUND: Tyros was once the dictator of the city Lanlak on the planet Birj, where his superhuman ability to command rock and earth enabled him to overcome all resistance. His rule of Lanlak came to an end when he was sought by the world-devouring Galactus to serve as his newest Herald. Galactus sent his sometimes-adversaries of the Terran Fantastic Four to apprehend Tyros and bring him to receive the Power Cosmic. Tyros resisted them, but to no avail. Galactus made Tyros his new Herald Terrax, and the Power Cosmic magnified his abilities, making him far more powerful than he had been before.

Terrax proved to be the most troublesome Herald to ever serve Galactus. Although he led Galactus to devour many worlds, Terrax wished to use his power for personal gain, and only fear of his master kept him in line. He once fled Galactus' service to set up his own empire, but Galactus empowered the Terran Alison Blaire [the Dazzler] to retrieve him. Finally, Terrax kept Galactus from feeding long enough that his energies dwindled, and he finally led him to Earth in the hopes that the Fantastic Four would help him slay his master. Galactus withdrew the Power Cosmic from Terrax to replenish his own spent energies, and left Terrax stranded on Earth.

The Terran dictator Victor von Doom was able to restore some of Terrax's power to him to use against the Fantastic Four, but in battle with the Silver Surfer [Zenn-Lavian], Terrax was consumed by the Power Cosmic and killed. His body later regenerated itself on Earth, but the Surfer exiled Terrax to an uninhabited world.

Terrax was released from his exile to aid his fellow Heralds Firelord [Xandarian], Nova [Frankie Raye, Terran], the android Air-Walker and the Silver Surfer against Morg, and Terrax slew Morg with his own axe, although Morg was later revived.

As the Annihilation Wave began its search for Galactus' Heralds so that Annihilus could study the Power Cosmic, Terrax was one of the first to vanish from sight. He is believed to be in the custody of Annihilus, his eventual fate as yet uncertain.



SUBJECT: THANOS, THE MAD TITAN

HOME WORLD: Exiled from Titan, moon of Saturn, Solar System, Milky Way Galaxy

INDICTMENTS: Conqueror and destroyer of life; crimes against interstellar species, most notably universal genocide

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: The known universe, and possibly beyond

THREAT LEVEL: Universal/One-time reality ender

Thanos was previously dedicated to the eradication of all forms of life. He worshiped Death so much he was involved in a courtship with the entity Death herself. Thanos should be monitored at all times and be considered a Category 1 Life Ender to any surviving Nova Corps.

WARNING: Thanos' recent erratic behavior has been difficult to catalogue. Further data is needed in order to formulate a new behavior pattern. A default reaction by the Nova Corp may be necessary to err on the side of caution for the good of the Universe.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Thanos is not to be trusted and can not be contained unless he chooses to be. Many of the confrontations with Thanos in the past have been discovered to be Thanosi, inexact copies of himself made with a combination of cloning, sorcery, and technology. These Thanosi should not be taken lightly since it is unknown when one might run across the true Thanos.

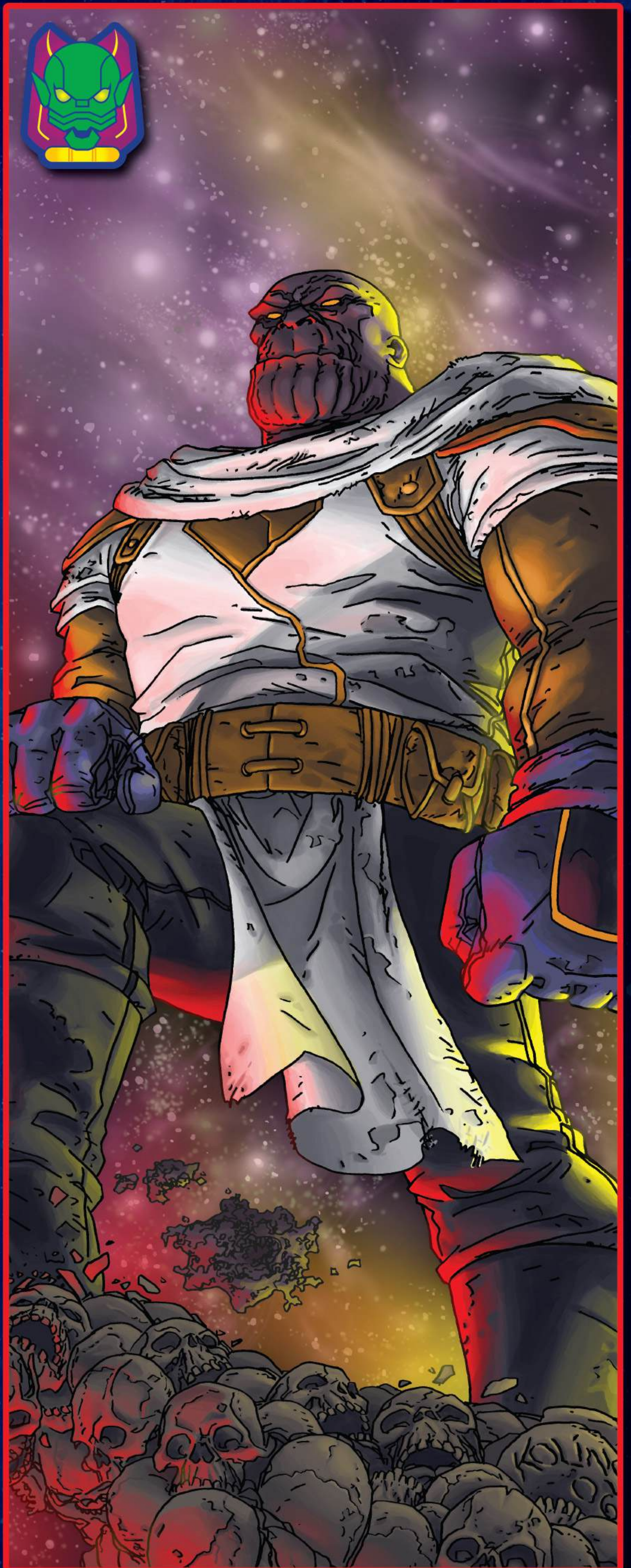
POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Thanos possesses incalculable superhuman power and is the most powerful of the Eternals of Titan. He has immense super strength and can synthesize cosmic energy, among other things, into destructive force. He does not age and appears to be invulnerable. His most dangerous asset however may be his superhuman intellect which, in the past, he has dedicated to the annihilation of all life. Recent allies have included Skreet, the Fallen One, and Annihilus. Other known allies have included Kl'rt the Super-Skrull, Adam Warlock [Terran], Gamora [Zen Whoberi], the Blood Brothers [Roclites], and many other alliances of convenience. He is also alleged to be the grandfather of Nebula [Luphomoid].

BACKGROUND: Thanos is an Eternal who was born on their settlement on Saturn's moon, Titan. As a child, Thanos became obsessed with death. Through long hours of meditation, Thanos augmented his already formidable strength and powers, becoming the most powerful of Eternals. Thanos then stole a starship and traveled the cosmos recruiting an army. He eventually returned to Titan and dropped a nuclear device on his home planet killing thousands. Thanos then declared himself the ruler of Titan.

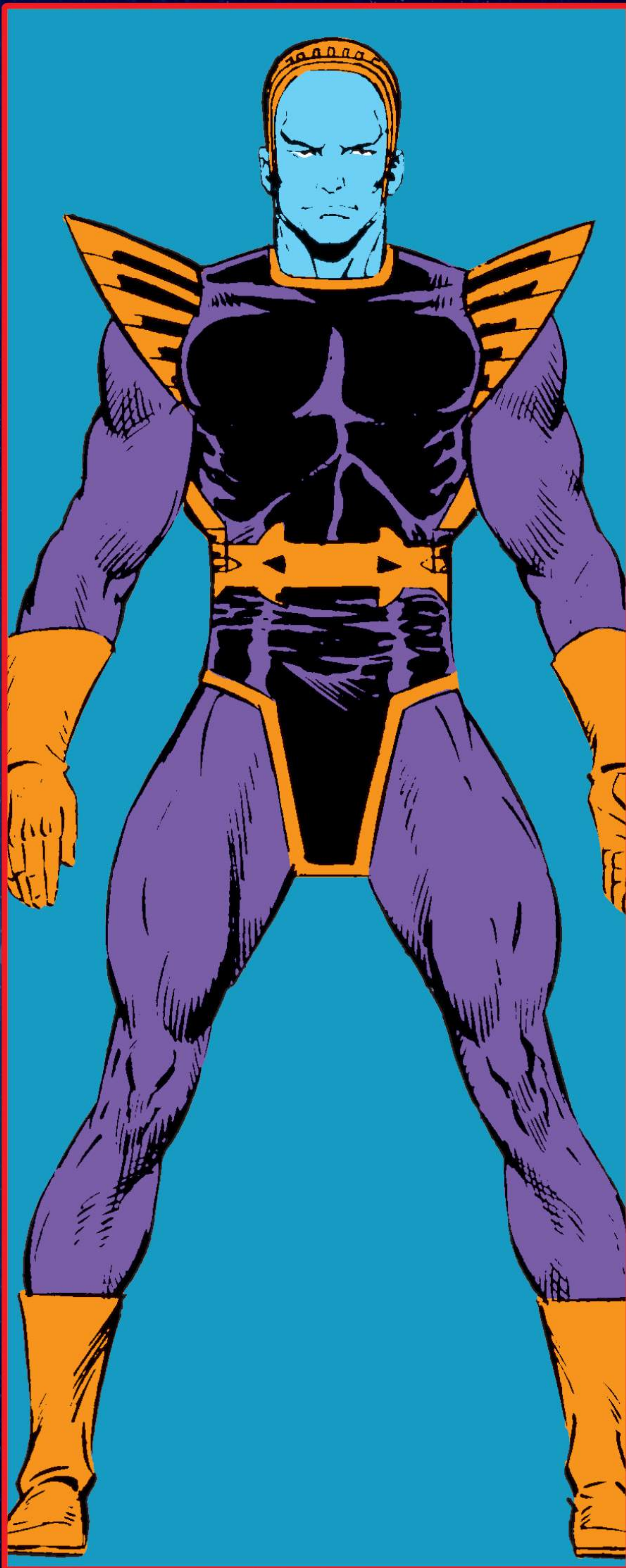
With Titan conquered, Thanos set his sights on the rest of the Universe. After meeting the actual embodiment of Death and taking her as his companion, Thanos devoted himself to the destruction of all life for his love.

Thanos has made countless attempts to destroy the universe using everything from the reality altering device called the Cosmic Cube to gathering the all powerful Infinity Gems in an effort to extinguish the stars. While there have been moments of nobility from Thanos, these moments are always tempered by a return to his destructive past.

Recently, Thanos was spotted taking a pilgrimage to the Crunch and rumors are he was reunited with his lost love, Death, now in the guise of a young girl. From there, he took two former inmates of the Klyn — Skreet and the Fallen One — under his wing. As the Annihilation Wave invaded our universe, Thanos has seemingly thrown in his lot with Annihilus to assist him in his goals. Thanos' true intentions should be suspect.



ZAREK



SUBJECT: ZAREK

HOME WORLD: Citizen of Hala, planet in the Kree Empire, Greater Magellanic Cloud

INDICTMENTS: Insurrection

QUADRANT OF CRIMES: Greater Magellanic Cloud

THREAT LEVEL: Local. Zarek's attempts at insurrection have been limited to within the borders of the Kree Empire, although he has the capacity to engage an interstellar war.

CONTAINMENT/REHABILITATION PROCEDURE: Although no special containment is required, Zarek should be sequestered from other inmates; Zarek's greatest power is his influence over others.

POWERS, WEAPONS AND MINIONS: Zarek is an ordinary male member of the Kree species, with no superhuman powers or specialized weaponry. His chief associates are the members of the Lunatic Legion: Fer-Porr, Admiral Sro-Himm, and three others unidentified. The Legion mutated and utilized the Terran operative Nitro (Robert Hunter). They also employed the robots Nimrod the Hunter and a Living Laser replica, both programmed to believe they were Terrans. Zarek's Lunatic Legion is distinguished from the more recent Lunatic Legion organized by Kree Galen Kor. He is frequent comrade of Ronan the Accuser.

BACKGROUND: Like so many of the blue-skinned Kree, Zarek is an ideologue, espousing his unfortunately racist views of supremacy over the pink-skinned Kree. While he was in good standing with the Supreme Intelligence, Zarek served the office of Imperial Minister. Under Zarek's leadership, the Kree engaged in significant conflicts with the Shi'ar and the Brood, but were stymied when the Terran Fantastic Four drove off not only their Intergalactic Sentry, but Ronan the Accuser as well.

Forming a conspiracy with Ronan, Zarek schemed to build up Captain Mar-Vell as a hero, then brand him a traitor to cause a scandal that would overthrow the Supreme Intelligence. Mar-Vell was assigned to Earth to spy on the Terrans and obtain revenge upon them on behalf of his people, but Mar-Vell came to love the Terrans, and accepted Earth as his second home. When Ronan and Zarek finally enacted their plan, Mar-Vell opposed them, and the Supremor turned out to have been aware of the conspiracy all along. Ronan and Zarek made a desperate attempt to assassinate the Supreme Intelligence with an anti-matter bomb; Mar-Vell attempted to sacrifice himself to shield his ruler, but the Supreme Intelligence had already deactivated the bomb. Mar-Vell's selfless actions won him acclaim, while Zarek fled into exile.

Zarek and other blue-skinned Kree relocated to the Earth's moon, where they established the Lunatic Legion, an organization whose goal was to regain blue supremacy in the Empire; they intended for all like-minded blue Kree to join them in the Blue City of the Moon. The Supreme Intelligence seemingly supported their goals, but only to further his own agenda to sharpen Mar-Vell into a finer warrior, and the Supremor believed that the Lunatic Legion's defeat would serve to that end.

Zarek's continued exile spared him from the near-destruction of the Kree Empire at Shi'ar hands. He was recently reported to have been seen on the planet Godthab Omega by his one-time ally Ronan the Accuser, apparently one of those enthralled by Glorian. Whether he escaped from Godthab when it was besieged by the Annihilation Wave is unknown.



RACE: BADOON

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Lomora

PLANET: Lotiara ("Swampworld"), second from sun; males have migrated to another planet, Moord (location unknown)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 40 million on each world

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Reptilian-humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five (webbed, with opposable thumbs)

TOES: Two (webbed)

SKIN COLOR: Green

HAIR: On females only

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'0"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: A Badoon mates only once. The females lay eggs which are incubated on the males' home world.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Monarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Although older than the Kree and the Skrulls, the Badoon were late in developing technology. They now have interstellar ships.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Brother Royal, L'Matto, Czar-Doon

NOTES: The Badoon have tried to conquer other planets in the past, including Earth, and once allied with the Brood disguised as the Coterie in an attempt to enslave Earth's population



RACE: BALUURIANS

ORIGIN UNIVERSE: Negative Zone

SECTOR: 56-D

PLANET: Baluur

ESTIMATED POPULATION: Unknown

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Grey-blue

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'0"

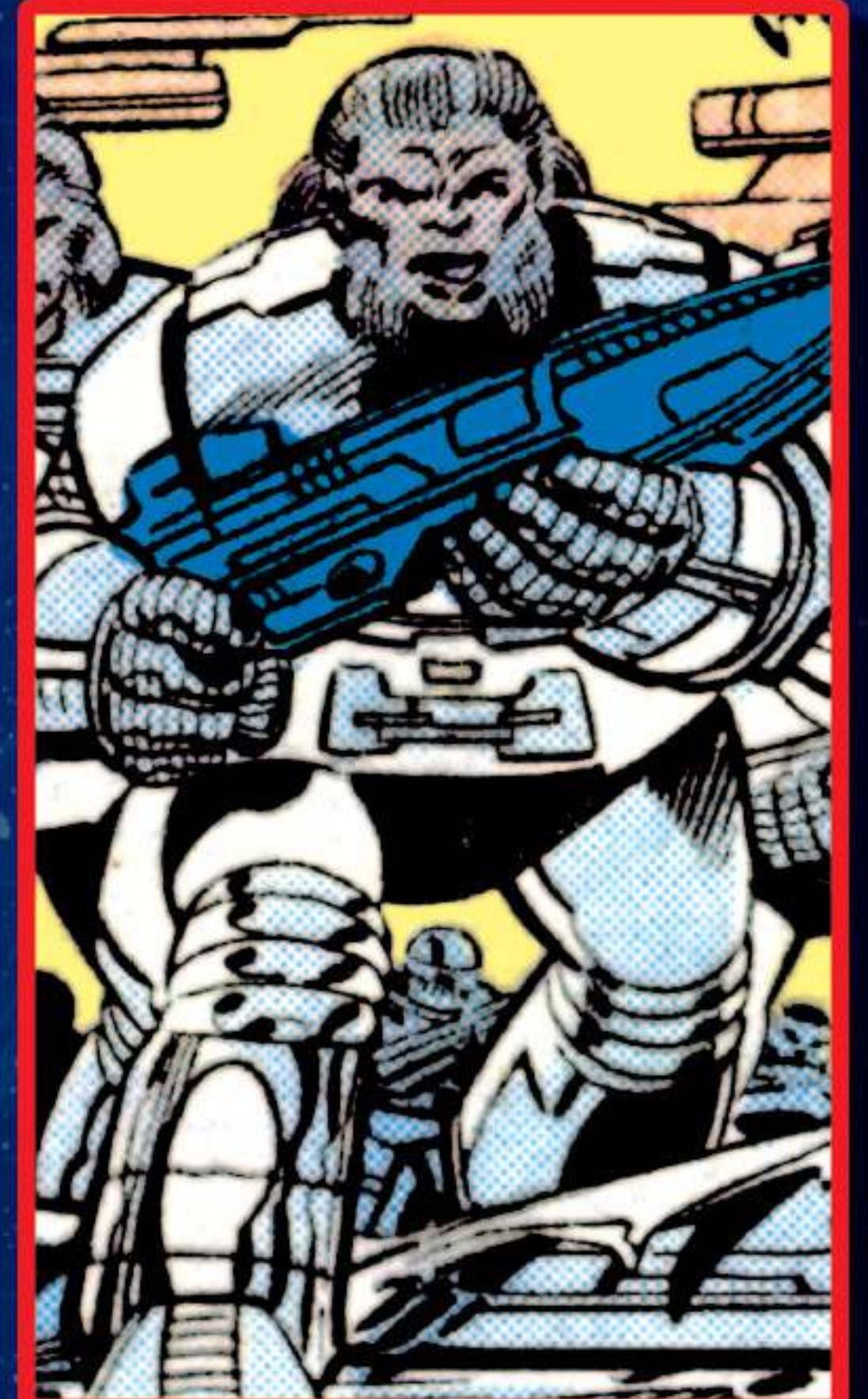
SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: All Baluurians are superhumanly strong and durable. Only certain bloodlines have the ability to generate a highly concussive kinetic force through their fingertips

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Monarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced interstellar travel capacity

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Blastaar, Nyglar, Burstaar, Tranjaar, Gornkai

NOTES: The Baluurian Empire spreads across several Negative Zone sectors, although its borders are constantly challenged by rival warlords.



RACE: BROOD

ORIGIN GALAXY: Brood Galaxy

STAR SYSTEM: Unknown

PLANET: Broodworld (destroyed)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: Unknown

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Insectoid

EYES: Two

LEGS: Six, forelegs can be used as prehensile tentacles

SKIN COLOR: Brown (Drones/Queens/Empress); Green (Firstborn)

AVERAGE LENGTH: 8'0"

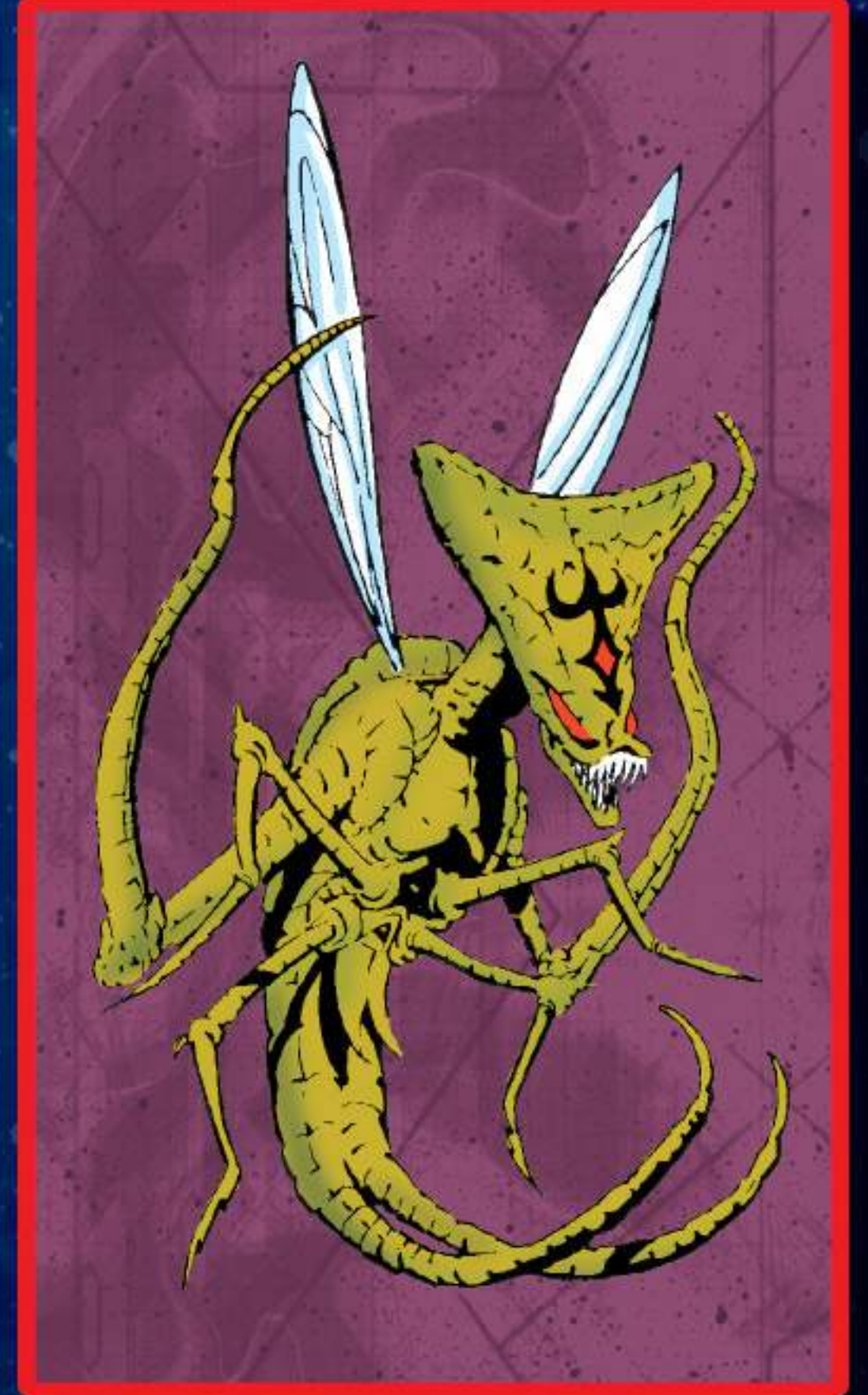
SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Long tail divided at end into 2 stingers, transparent wings, sharp teeth, armor-like skin, and psychic link to Empress. Eggs are injected into living beings and the hatched embryo metamorphoses its host's body until it becomes a young Brood member.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Absolute matriarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced bioengineering capabilities and weaponry, capable of intergalactic travel

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Great Mother, Haeg'rill, Kam'n'ehar, Skur'kil, T'Crilee

NOTES: Despite the destruction of their home planet, the Brood still infest countless other worlds.



RACE: CENTAURIANS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Beta Centauri

PLANET: Centauri IV, 4th from sun

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 100 million

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Blue

HAIR: None

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 7'0" (including dorsal fin)

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Adults possess a large red dorsal fin

along the back and atop head. At least some Centaurians demonstrate rudimentary psychic ability.

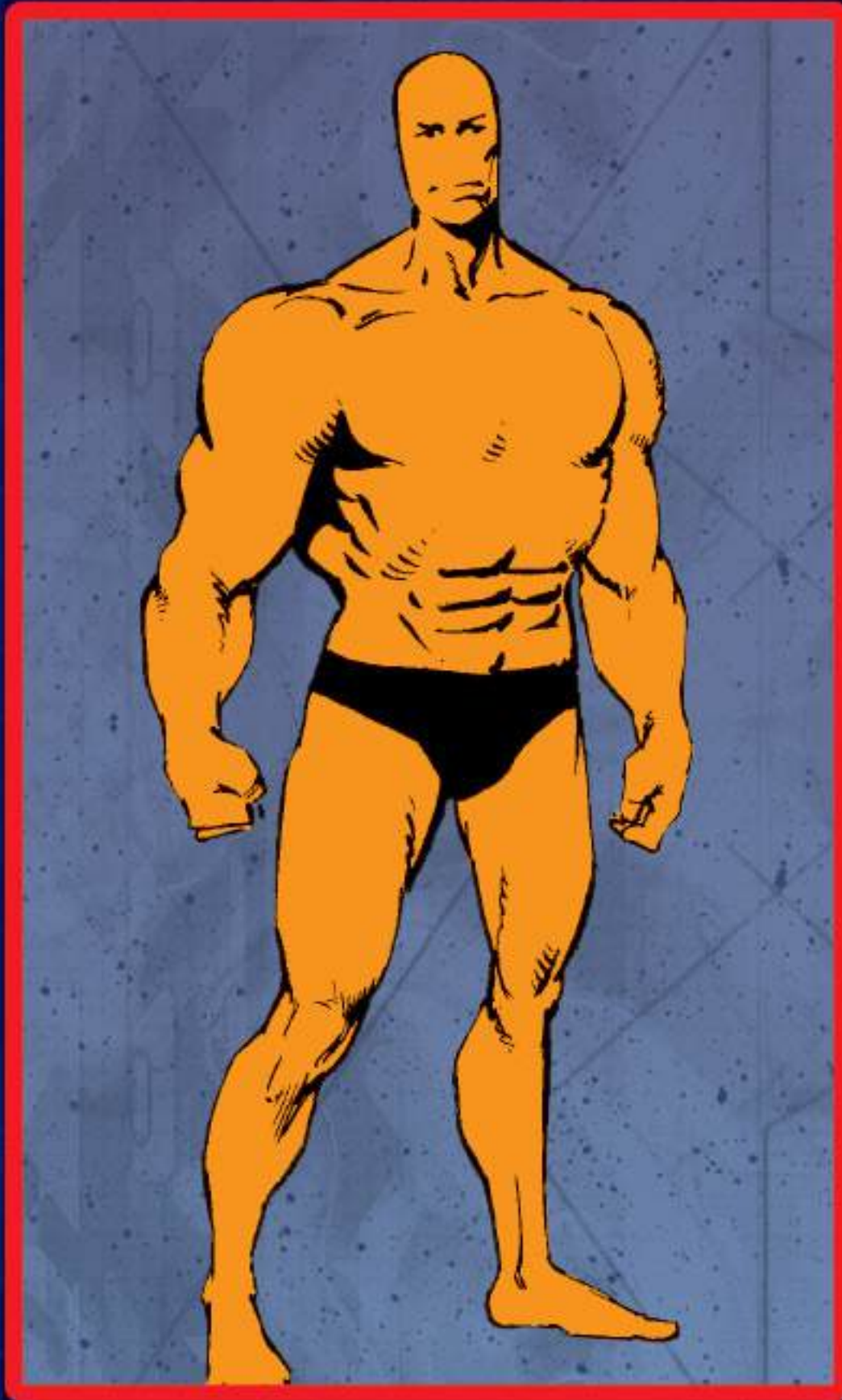
TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Tribal

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Primitive. Use of bows and arrows.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Samaya (Nova Corps); Yondu (time-traveler from alternate future)

NOTES: Centauri System also has other inhabited worlds: Arima, Alpha Centauri A (Alpha Centaurians); Centuri-Six, Proxima Centauri (Centurii)





RACE: KORBINITES

ORIGIN GALAXY: Burning Galaxy

STAR SYSTEM: Unknown

PLANET: Korbin (destroyed), New Korbin (destroyed)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: Currently unknown

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Semi-humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Four (with opposable thumbs)

TOES: Four

SKIN COLOR: Light orange

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'2"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: None known

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Imperial

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with warp-drive starships, genetic engineering, and sentient computers.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Beta Ray Bill, Dar Mal Goth, Jeter Kar Toon, Myra Lee Sal, Rogotta, Rok Wit Mike, Salla, Sheo're, Ven

NOTES: The peaceful Korbinite Empire was first destroyed by the Asgardian demon Surtur; the survivors founded New Korbin, which was eventually destroyed by Galactus; many of the Korbinites were then placed in suspended animation within a Meta-Orb.



RACE: KREE

ORIGIN GALAXY: Greater Magellanic Cloud

STAR SYSTEM: Pama (Hala); Turunal (Kree-Lar)

PLANET: Hala (homeworld); Kree-Lar (imperial capital)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 30 billion (prior to Nega-Bomb detonation); currently 300 million

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Light blue or pink

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'9"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Adaptation to Hala's powerful gravitational pull and high nitrogen content in the atmosphere has left the Kree

with dense bodies that afford them superhuman strength and endurance. Some Kree females can psychically manipulate the desires or even siphon the life forces of males.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Military-technocratic dictatorship.

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced warp-drive starships, robots, cyborg, and cybernetic technology, genetic engineering, psionic technology, and energy weaponry.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Supreme Intelligence, Arides, Bel-Dann, Bun-Dall, Falzon, Fer-Porr, Korath the Pursuer, Lunatic Legion, Mac-Ronn, Mar-Vell, Minn-Erva, Morag, Ronan, Shatterax, Una, Yon-Rogg, Zarek, Zey-Rogg.

NOTES: Spread over 1,000 worlds in the Greater Magellanic Cloud, the Kree Empire has historically been a dictatorship, but the new ruling house of Hala has recently called for sweeping political change throughout the Empire. For a time, a branch of artificially-evolved Kree posed as a new alien race known as the Ruul.



RACE: LUPHOMOIDS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Andromeda

STAR SYSTEM: Scemar

PLANET: Lumphom (destroyed)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: Unknown (possibly under 10)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Light blue or white

HAIR: On females only

AVERAGE HEIGHT: (Males) 11'0", (females) 6'0"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Superhuman strength and durability

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Military dictatorship

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with warp-drive starships, geothermal-draining equipment, and energy weaponry

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Kraa, Nebula, Zorr, Spirit

NOTES: When Galactus devoured the planet Lumphom, only the small number of Lumphomoids who were off-world invading another planet at the time survived. Under the leadership of Warlord Zorr, the survivors attacked the planet Xandar in an attempt to conquer a new homeworld for themselves, and Xandar exploded into fragments under the onslaught of Lumphomoid weaponry. Pursued to planet Earth by Rhomann Dey, leader of the Xandarian militia, Zorr was defeated by dying Dey and Terran Richard Rider.



RACE: RIGELLIANS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Rigel

PLANET: Rigel-3, (destroyed); Command Planet Rigel II (destroyed); New Rigel-3

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 100 million (prior to attack of Thanos & Mangog); 12 million (currently)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Semi-humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Orange or yellow

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'5"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Rigellians have large craniums with disproportionately smaller bodies. They can psionically control the minds

of other humanoids and also increase their own density at will, thereby augmenting size and durability.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Imperial technocracy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with advanced warp-drive starships, robotics, teleportation technology, space lock technology, subatomic particle manipulation technology, and proton cage prisons

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Arcturus, Cordon, Gunthar, Nelet Pa, Mari Tarl, Pyo (Nova Corps), Tana Nile, Zygo.

NOTES: The Colonizers of Rigel once established a vast empire of planets stretching across the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies. Their home planet destroyed by the Rhunians, the Rigellian homeworld was relocated to new Command Planet Rigel II, but 88% of the population was exterminated by Thanos and Mangog, in search of the Fire Jewel.

RACE: *SHI'AR*

ORIGIN GALAXY: Shi'ar

STAR SYSTEM: Unknown

PLANET: Chandilar ("the Aerie," homeworld); Imperial Throneworld (capital)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 60 billion

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Semi-humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five (with opposable thumbs)

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Pink or purple

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'0"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Shi'ar possess both avian and mammalian characteristics, with feathers rather than hair atop their heads and vestigial remains of wings sprouting from their wrists (some

Shi'ar are evolutionary throwbacks born with fully functional wings). All Shi'ar possess extraordinary strength and endurance.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Imperial

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with warp-drive starships and Stargate space-warping technology that allows for instantaneous travel between galaxies

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Cerise, Deathbird, Deathcry, D'Ken, Electron, Maelen, Lilandra Neramini, Samedar, Davan Shakari

NOTES: The vast Shi'ar Empire spans an entire galaxy, governed by the Majestor/Majestrix from the Imperial Throneworld. Imperial law is enforced throughout the galaxy by the Imperial Guard. The Shi'ar have temporarily asserted dominance over the Kree and Skrull empires for brief periods in the past.



RACE: *SKRULL*

ORIGIN GALAXY: Andromeda

STAR SYSTEM: Drox (Skrullos & Zarags'na); Tarnax (Tarnax IV)

PLANET: Skrullos (homeworld); Tarnax IV (imperial capital, destroyed); Zarags'na (cultural capital, destroyed)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 30 billion (prior to Annihilation Wave attack); currently unknown

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Reptilian-humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Green

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'5"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Most Skrulls are physically malleable, able to alter their shape, size, and/or color at will.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Monarchy (succession disrupted by destruction of Tarnax IV, death of surviving royal family members, and ensuing civil wars); currently anarchy.

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced warp-drive starships, robots, cyborg, and cybernetic technology, and energy weaponry.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: De'Lila, Dorrek I, Dorrek II, Kl'rt, Lyja, Paibok, Raksor, R'kin, S'bak, S'byll, Talos the Tamed, Titannus, Xavin

NOTES: Spread over nearly 1,000 worlds in Andromeda and surrounding galaxies, the Skrull Empire has fallen into a state of instability ever since the throneworld of Tarnax IV was consumed by Galactus. With much of the royal family dead, rival warlords began to fight each other and consolidate power in an attempt to fill the power vacuum, plunging the Empire into chaos and civil war. The Skrulls have been the hardest hit by the Annihilation Wave, as entire Skrull star systems have disappeared in the melee.



RACE: *SPARTOI*

ORIGIN GALAXY: Greater Magellanic Cloud

STAR SYSTEM: Sparta

PLANET: Spartax

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 15 billion

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Pink

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'10"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: None

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Monarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with warp-drive starships and teleportation technology

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Eson, Gareth, Jason of Spartax, Peter Quill (formerly Star-Lord)

NOTES: Controlling a small empire in the outlying systems of the Greater Magellanic Cloud, the Spartoi once planned to enter into an alliance with the powerful Shi'ar. But when the Kree learned of this, they stalled the planned alliance by attempting to assassinate Shi'ar Majestrix Lilandra. The Spartoi Empire was later drawn into a prolonged war with the Ariguans.



RACE: *TERRANS*

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Sol

PLANET: Earth

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 7 billion

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Shades of light pink to dark brown

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'10"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Terrans have proven to be a very adaptable race. While recent events on Earth have decimated the

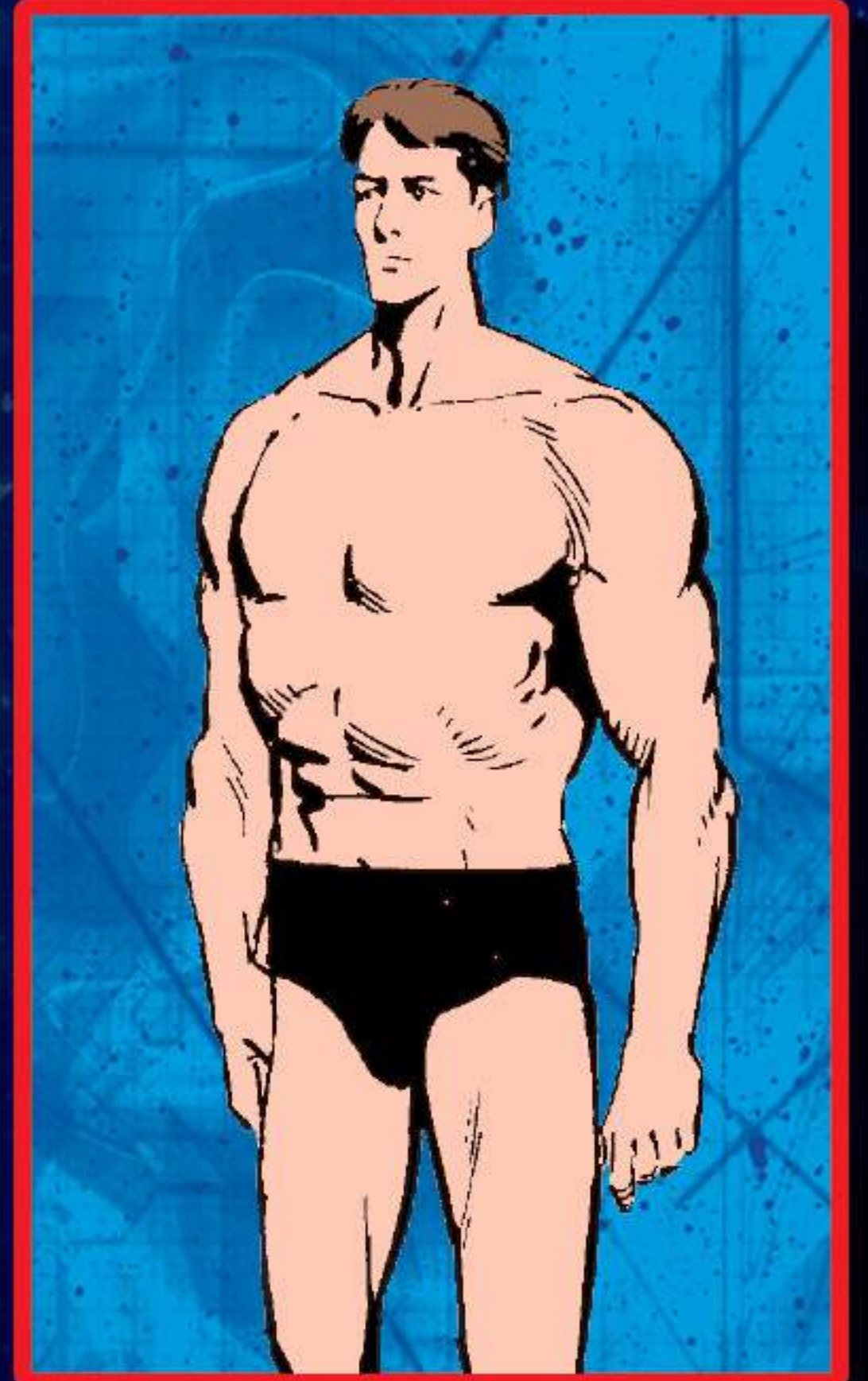
once flourishing mutant population, Terrans still exhibit a very high propensity for gaining superhuman powers and Earth still has an overabundance of super-beings.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Disjointed multiple governments

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Moderately advanced

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Richard Rider (Nova Corps), Quasar, Cammi, Cole, Drax, Glorian, Living Lightning, Moondragon, Peter Quill (formerly Starlord), Reed Richards

NOTES: With the recent loss of the majority of its mutant population and its heroes fighting each other over the role of costumed superheroes in society, it is doubtful that Earth will be able to defend itself should the Annihilation Wave arrive.





RACE: TITANS (ETERNALS OF TITAN)

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Sol

PLANET: Titan, moon of Saturn; Earth (original homeworld)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: Several hundred

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five (with opposable thumbs)

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Pink

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'0"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: The life force of all Eternals is augmented by cosmic energy, rendering them extremely long-lived and virtually indestructible. Eternals are born with a potential for various superhuman

abilities, although all Eternals possess superhuman strength and the ability to levitate by mentally manipulating gravitons around them, create mental illusions, and project cosmic energy from their eyes or hands.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Monarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Highly advanced, with warp-drive starships and the ISAAC supercomputer.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Demeityr, Emlot, Eros (Starfox), Kazantra, Mentor, Shastra, Sui-San, Thanos, Thyrio, Tycho, Uranos.

NOTES: Originating on Earth as a result of the Celestial's genetic experiments on prehistoric Terrans, the Eternals are a genetic offshoot of the Terran race. The Titan colony was founded nearly 750,000 years ago in the aftermath of a devastating civil war among the first generation of Earth's Eternals. The losing side was exiled into space and eventually established themselves on Titan.



RACE: XANDARIANS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Andromeda

STAR SYSTEM: Tranta

PLANET: Xandar Cluster (formerly Xandar)

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 12 billion (prior to Annihilation Wave attack); currently unknown

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Pink

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 5'10"

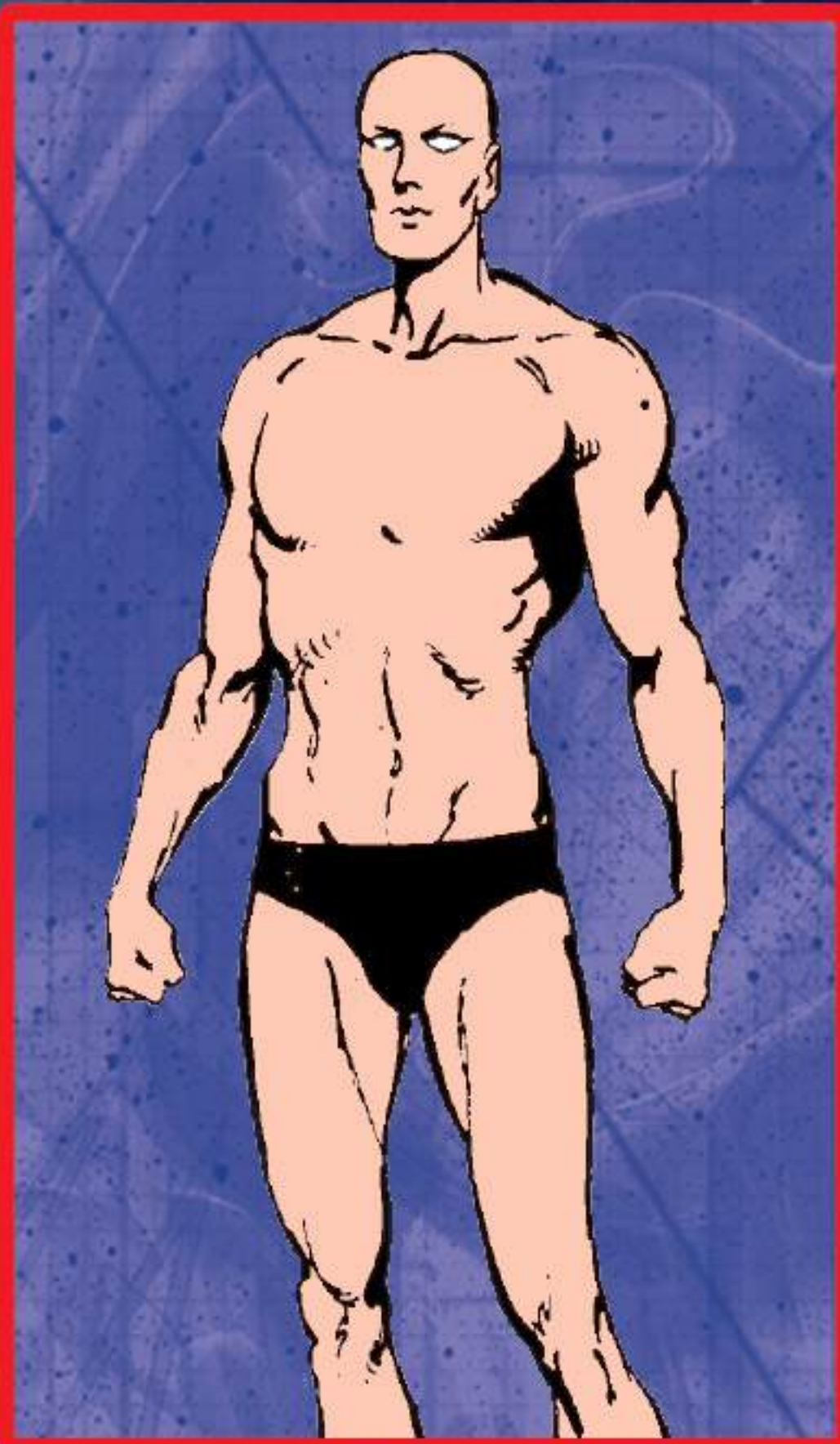
SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: None

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Constitutional monarchy

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced, with warp-drive starships, robots, cyborg, and cybernetic technology, energy weaponry, phase tube transportation technology, and Stargate transportation technology

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Rieg Davan, Tanak Valt, Pyreus Kril, Gabriel Lan, Adora, Thoran Rul, Mexxa Rien, Reban, Kanan

NOTES: The peaceful Xandarians lived on the planet Xandar for millennia until it exploded into shards during an attack by the Luphomians. But Xandarian civilization survived within the Xandar Cluster, an interconnected field of asteroids that housed the surviving domed cities of what was once the planet of Xandar. The Xandarians weathered other devastating attacks over the years, including a failed Skrull invasion and a near-catastrophic attack by the space pirate Nebula, but it was not until the onslaught of the Annihilation Wave that the Xandar Cluster was entirely destroyed, along with most of its Nova Corps militia.



RACE: ZENN-LAVIANS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Deneb

PLANET: Zenn-La, 3rd from sun

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 500

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Pink

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'0"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: Zenn-Lavians have average lifespans of thousands of years.

LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Advanced

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: Utopia

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Yarro Gort, Norrin Konn, Elmar Radd, Jartan Radd, Fennan Radd, Shalla Bal, Warlord, Silver Surfer

NOTES: A utopian paradise that had eliminated all forms of disease, poverty, and hardship from their society, Zenn-La was the first planet selected by Galactus to provide him sustenance that he spared due to Norrin Radd's agreement to become his herald, the Silver Surfer.



RACE: ZEN-WHOBERIS

ORIGIN GALAXY: Milky Way

STAR SYSTEM: Silican

PLANET: Zen-Whoberi

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 3 billion

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

TYPE: Humanoid

EYES: Two

FINGERS: Five, with opposable thumb

TOES: Five

SKIN COLOR: Light green

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6'4"

SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS: None

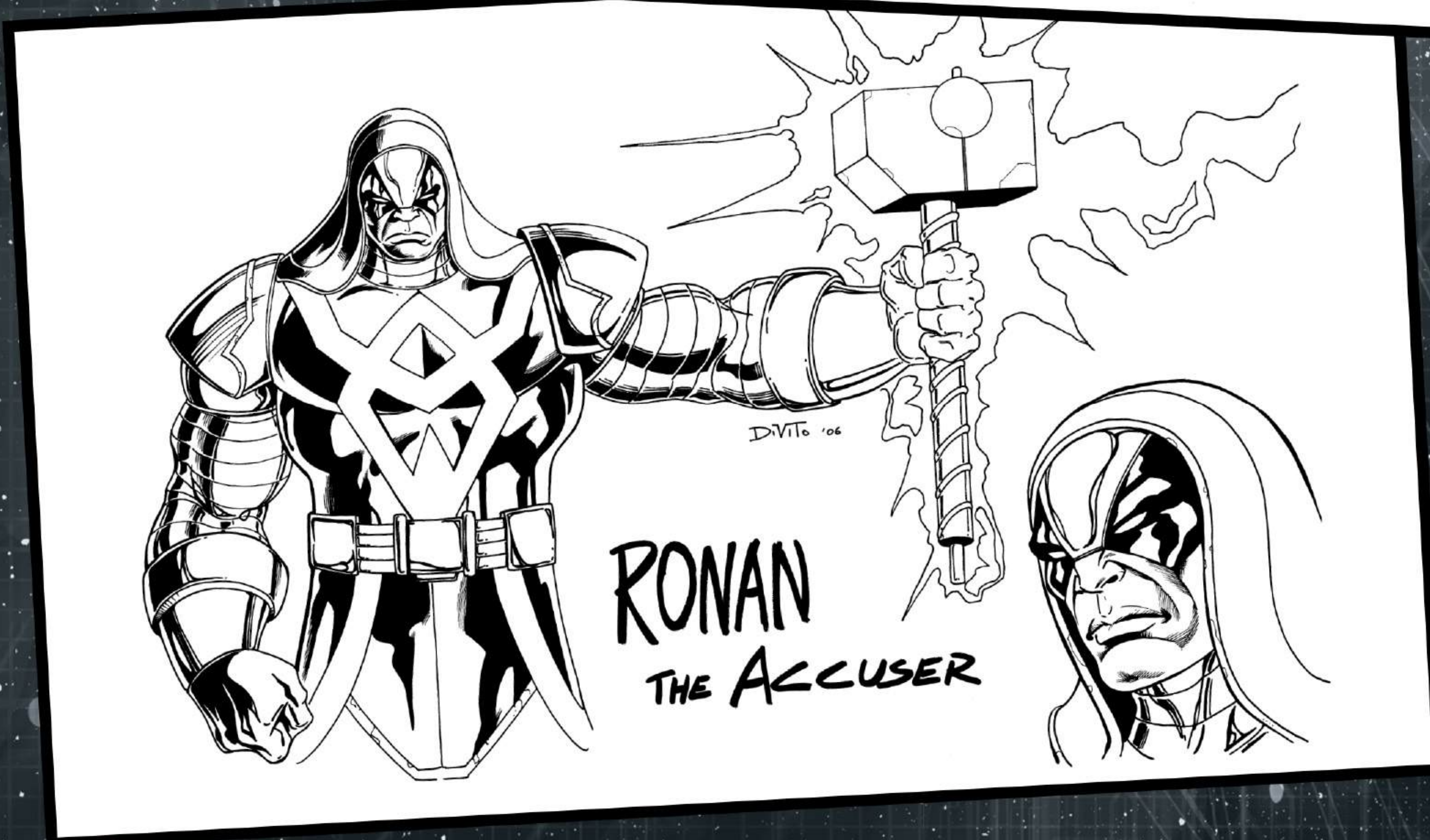
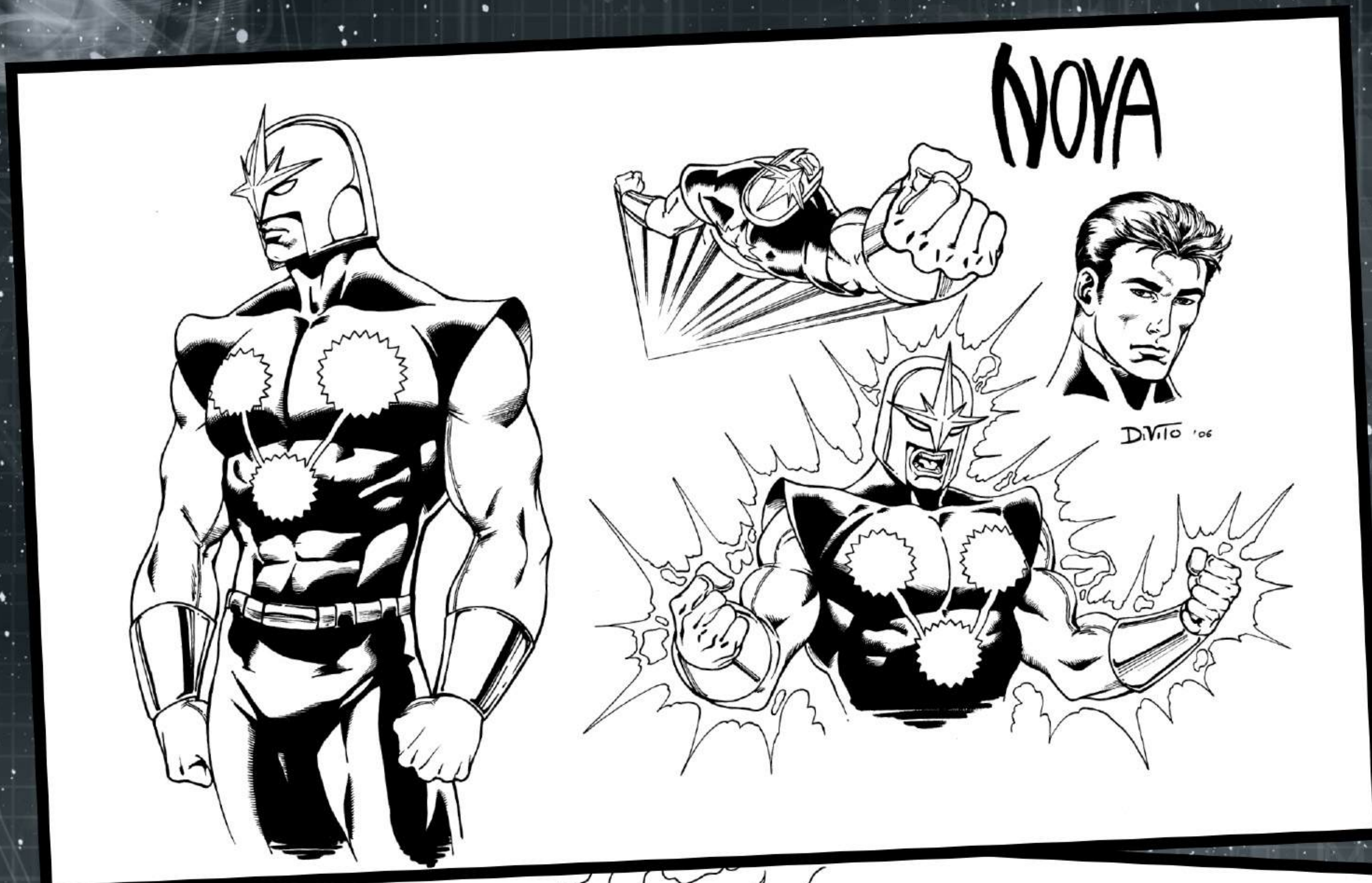
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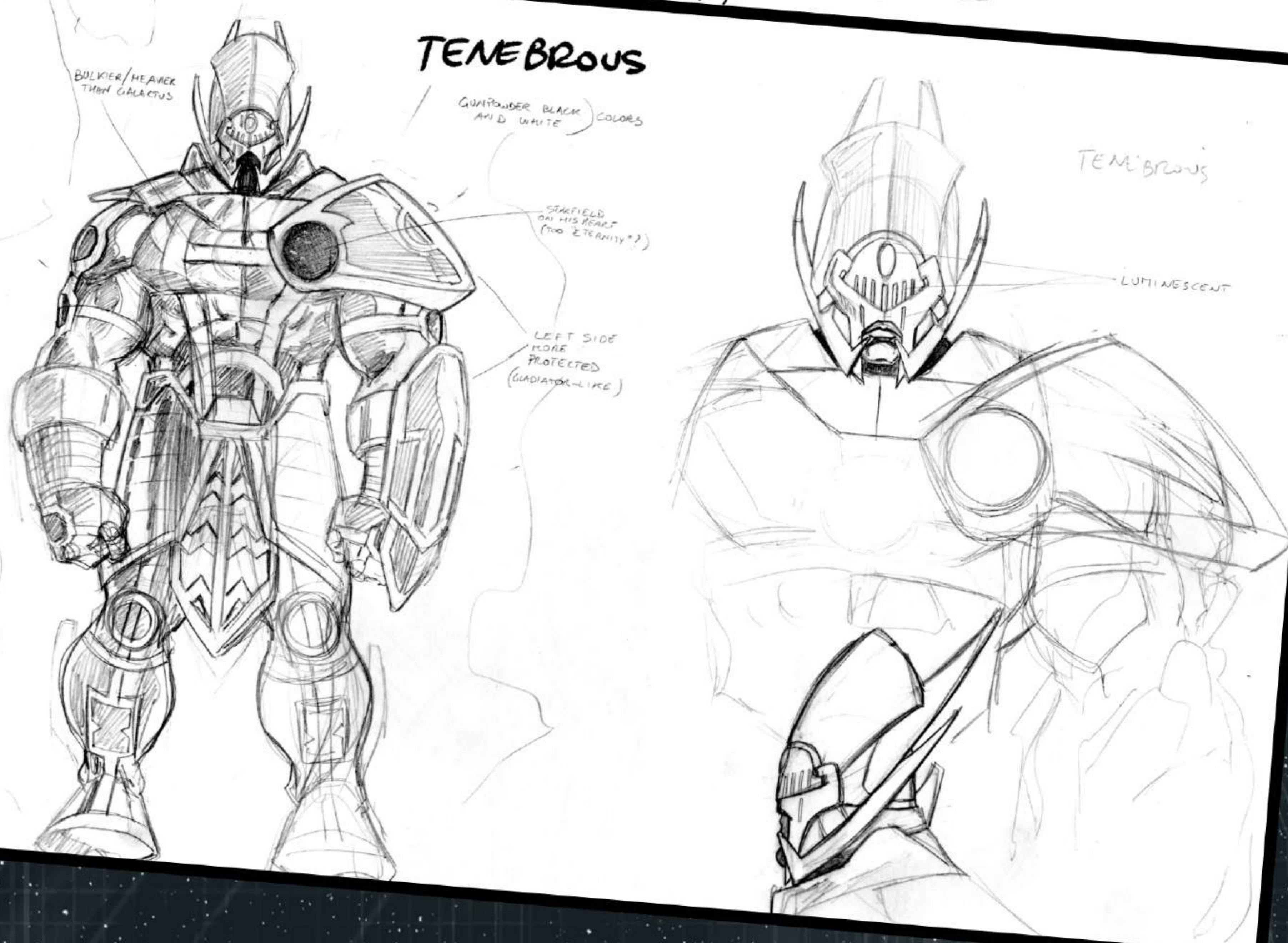
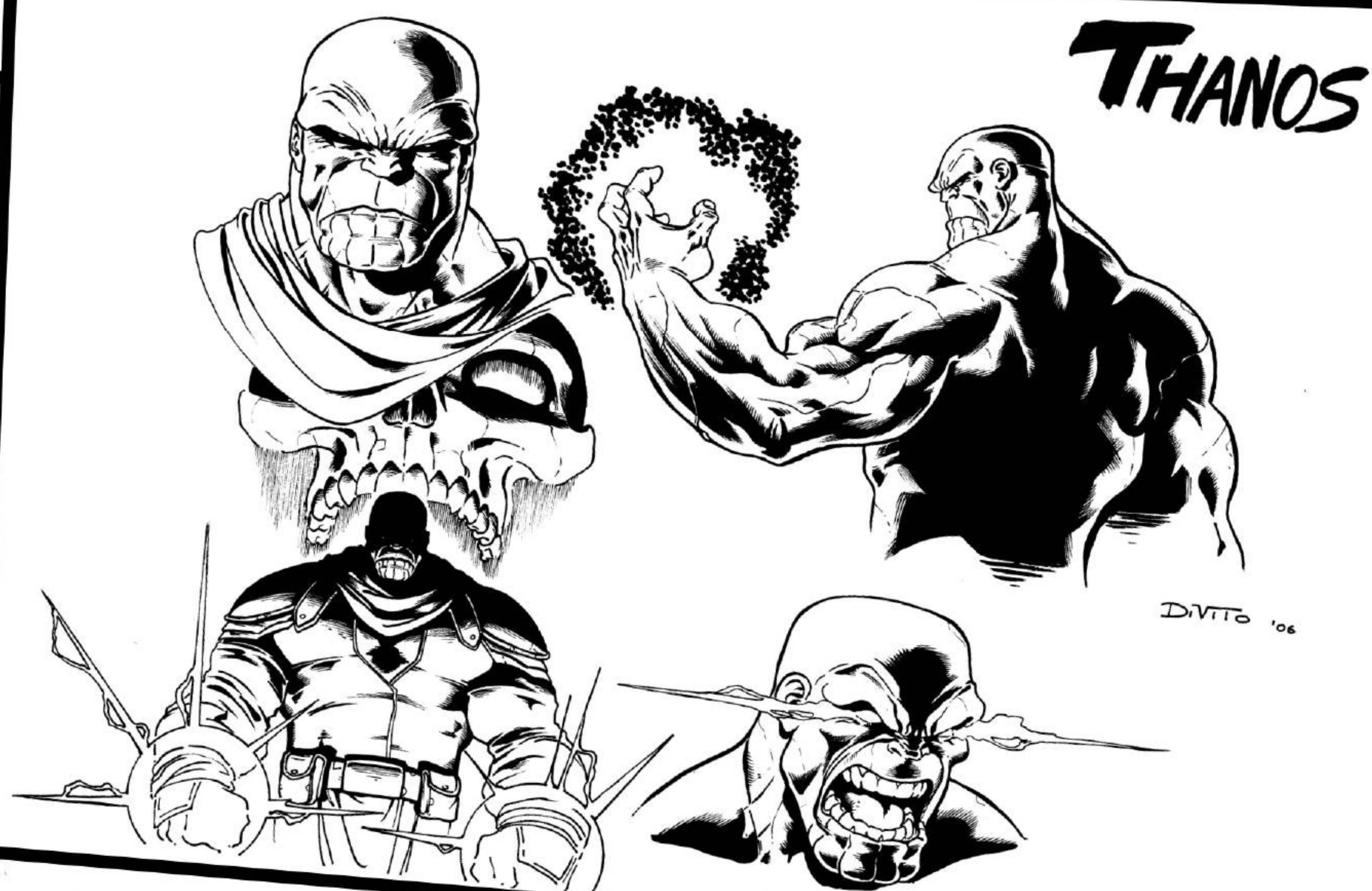
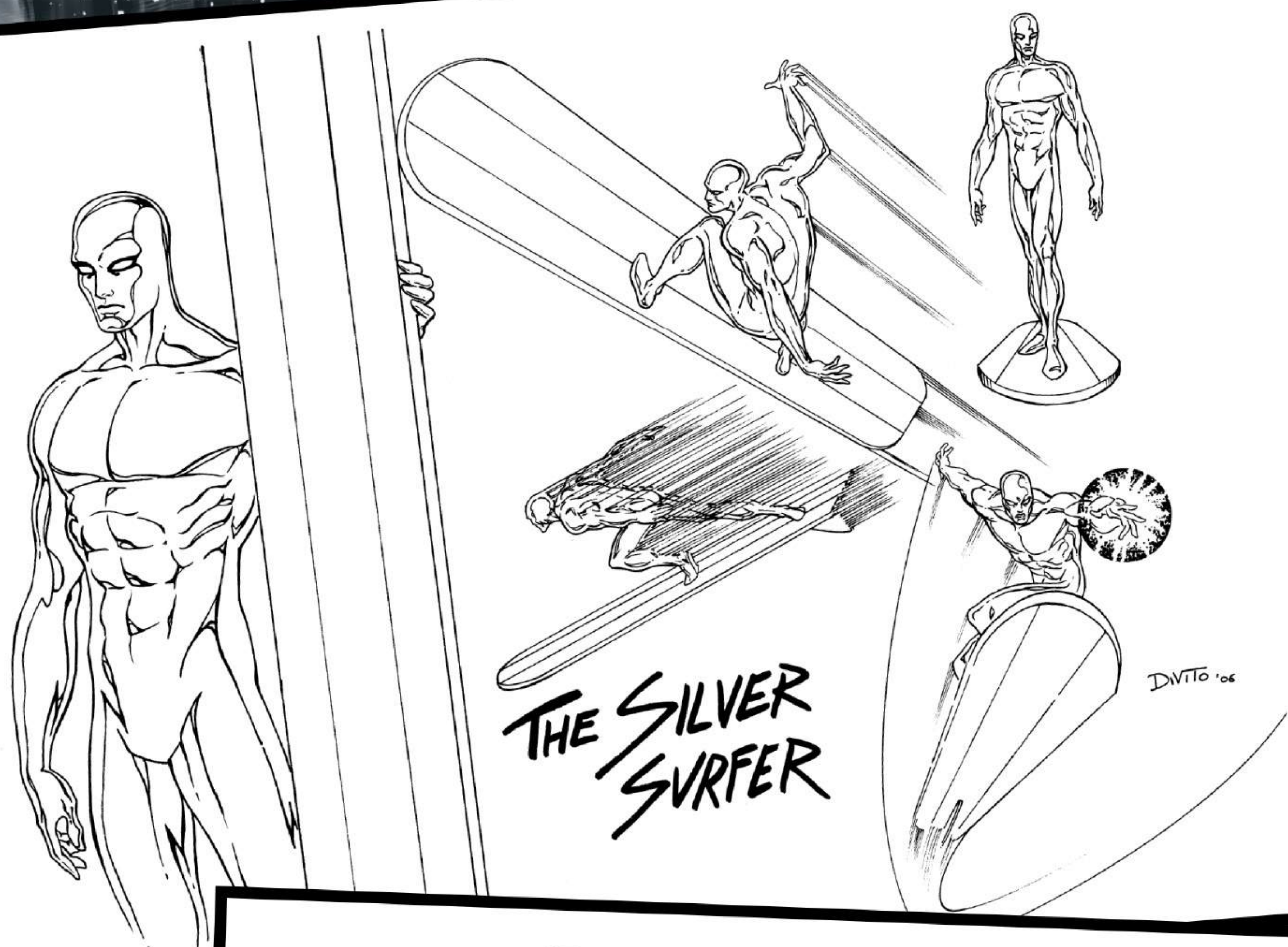
LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY: Moderately advanced

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES: Gamora

NOTES: Currently, there are approximately 3 billion Zen-Whoberians living in the Milky Way Galaxy. However, the Titan Thanos once traveled 2 decades into an alternate future where the peace-loving Zen-Whoberis were exterminated by the Universal Church of Truth for refusing to convert to their religious doctrines. Thanos rescued the infant Gamora, the sole survivor of her race in this alternate timeline, and brought her back to his native era, prior to the Zen-Whoberi massacre.







AFTERWORD

ANNIHILATION is a science fiction war story. But when I look at it, I see magic.

Here's to the fans! Thank you for your support and enthusiasm. Your email responses and message board posts (thanks to Comic Book Resources for hosting the ANNIHILATION board) drove home the message that Marvel should do more science fiction stories. Your love of cosmic comics is THE reason that ANNIHILATION exists. It's rare that fans have a direct impact on the characters they love. You fans cast your spell over Marvel and encouraged us to publish more cosmic comics.

There are too many talented creators to thank here, but I'm going to do it anyway. I was lucky to work with writers with unique voices. They pulled stories out of the ether the way a magician pulls rabbits out of a hat — they created something from nothing. Thank you Keith Giffen, Javier Grillo-Marxuach, Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, Simon Furman, Mike Raicht, Stuart Moore, and Chris Gage. Your scripts blew my mind.

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P.S. Sorry about Quasar.

FORCES CLASH AS ANNIHILATION ESCALATES INTO ALL-OUT WAR!

As the Annihilation Wave continues its destructive march across the galaxy, Nova leads a determined resistance — backed by the might of champions such as Drax, Ronan and Gamora. However, Annihilus has a new weapon in his arsenal: Galactus, devourer of worlds! Against such might, the resistance seems futile. For the handful who continue to oppose Annihilus, there remains one hope: the mad Titan known as Thanos! Unfortunately, his ancient foe Drax may have plans of his own. As the war spirals to its conclusion, civilizations fall, sacrifices are made, and new heroes rise!

The Annihilation event thunders to its conclusion here — courtesy of writers Keith Giffen, Christos N. Gage and Stuart Moore; and artists Andrea Di Vito, Giuseppe Camuncoli, Mike McKone and Scott Kolins.



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